

Jewell County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Ed Duskie, Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood

Also Present: Myka Zadina, County Clerk

Reorganize-

- *Motion:* **Ervin Underwood moved, Ed Duskie seconded** the motion to appoint **Brent Beck** as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion:* **Brent Beck moved, Ed Duskie seconded** the motion to appoint **Ervin Underwood** as Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion:* **Ed Duskie moved, Ervin Underwood seconded** the motion that the Jewell County Record be designated as the official county newspaper for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion:* **Ed Duskie moved, Ervin Underwood seconded** the motion that the Jewell County Record be designated as the official county newspaper for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion:* **Ed Duskie moved, Brent Beck seconded** the motion that all banks in Jewell County be designated as official depositories for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion:* **Ervin Underwood moved, Brent Beck seconded** the motion to reappoint **Ed Duskie** as Jewell County's representative for the LEPA Advisory Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion:* **Brent Beck moved, Ed Duskie seconded** the motion to reappoint **Ervin Underwood** as Jewell County's representative for the Juvenile Justice Authority/Community Correction Advisory Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion:* **Ed Duskie moved, 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.
- *Motion:* **Ervin Underwood moved, Brent Beck seconded** the motion to reappoint **Ed Duskie** as Jewell County's representative for the North Central Planning Commission Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion:* **Ed Duskie moved, Brent Beck seconded** the motion to reappoint **Ervin Underwood** as Jewell County's alternate representative for the North Central Regional Planning Commission Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Travis Garst & Davis-

- Discussed the possibility of Rocking a dirt road so the bus could use it.
- Commissioners discussed the cost of \$28,000.00 a mile to rock a road and how that falls on the landowners to pay if it is a Non-FAS road.

- Jay Johaneck, Road Supervisor, stated that if the bus drivers would let Travis or Allan know of areas that need attention, they can inform him and get to it sooner.
- Travis stated there is an app that he could get to Jay the app with all the bus routes on it so each motor grader operator can have it on their phone.

Jay Johaneck-

- Presented layout for new territories
 - 12 motor grader operators
 - Everyone has two townships
 - Jump into other people's areas if their area is complete
- Discussed roads needing worked
- They will be opening a rock pit on the south side of Lovewell Lake & a pit at the Mitchell County Line.
- New John Deere motor grader should be delivered at the end of January
- Pay for the used motor grader outright.
- Called Phillip Pennington from John Deere, discussed pricing for the excavator.
- *Motion: Ervin Underwood moved, Ed Duskie seconded* to approve to purchase the 2024 John Deere 350P excavator for \$360,000.00 and to use Central National Bank for the lease. Motion passed unanimously
 - The county shop will install the thumb ourselves to save \$1500.00.
- *Motion: Ed Duskie moved, Ervin Underwood seconded* to approve to make Randy Fogo as the Road and Bridge Supervisor. Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion: Brent Beck moved, Ervin Underwood seconded* to approve the updated rules and regulations for the Road and Bridge Department. Motion passed unanimously

Vincent Urbaniak-

- Presented new hire paperwork for Brianna Kohn and stated that he will have two more new hires starting soon.
- Stated they need to increase the internet speed and will cost an extra \$30.00 a month.
- Discussed future projects of remodeling the old ambulance bay, new windows, new door, paint and flooring.
- Vincent states he can't thank the full-time staff enough; they have worked so hard this past year.

Mike Stenson & Lavernia Peters-

- Discussed the cost of the electronic signs that Emergency Preparedness purchased with ARPA money.

- Controller has gone out two times on it and cost \$2250.00 to replace
- Ervin Underwood stated that repairs need to be budgeted in the EMP budget.
- Property east of Formoso had a note on the door stating there was no a permit for the building.
 - Anna porter stated Jewell County has no zoning or ordinance.
 - Anna Porter- stated if a property changed names then they like to do a field inspection.

Randy Fogo-

- Signed the contract for the General Supervisor position effective immediately.

Motions & Executive Sessions-

- *Motion: Ed Duskie moved, Ervin Underwood seconded* to approve abatement #2657
Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion: Ed Duskie moved, Brent Beck seconded* to approve Brian Badgers designation for emergency vehicle permit. Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion: Ed Duskie moved, Ervin Underwood seconded* to approve the Decmeber 29th, 2025 minutes and the January 5th, 2026 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion: Ervin Underwood moved, Brent Beck seconded* to approve ROZ resolution 26-01. Motion passed unanimously.
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Discussions-

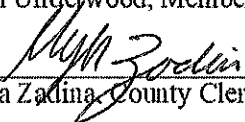
- Discussed merit pay

Adjournment-

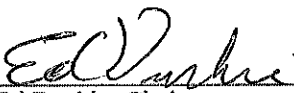
- The meeting adjourned at **11:03** a.m.



 Ervin Underwood, Member



 Myka Zadin, County Clerk



 Ed Duskie, Chairman



 Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman

