Jewell County Commissioners Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.
Commissioners Present: Ed Duskie, Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood
Also Present: Myka Zadina, County Clerk

Don Jacobs-

- Discussed an incident regarding a Deputy and an individual over the weekend.

Vincent Urbaniak-

- Presented monthly report for January
  - Response total- 27
  - Medical- 10
  - Trauma- 14
  - Standby- 3
- Discussed Medicare and billing

Jay Johanek-

- Presented map for 12 motor graders that becomes effective today.
- Rep from Auction Time will be here to look over equipment that needs to be auctioned
- Discussed repairs needed on the motor grader, Commissioners requested an estimate on how much it would cost to repair.
- Exploring options for road mowers and have been looking at Great Plain Mowers in Jewell. Revived specs from John Deere for mowers but would have to make adjustment to the tractor for the side mower to work.
- Randy Fogo is going to start putting rock south of Dispatch this week.
- Ed Duskie requested when rocking 105 rd. to haul rock over to Leon Boden's driveway
- Will be submitting grant applications for Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program and Off System Bridge Program for fiscal year 2028.
- Employee updates
  - Randy Fogo being in the Supervisor position, it is going really well.
  - Bill Foster has been really helpful training others.
  - Anton Jensby and Chris Ellis are doing a great job and are hard working.

Solid Waste Hauling

- Discussed the cost of what road and bridge is charging SW

- Commissioners stated a refund of $32,491.44 from Road and Bridge to Solid Waste would be done to correct the charges.
- New hauling charges from Road and Bridge to Solid Waste will be $1,200.00 per trip and Road and Bridge will cover fuel and wages.

- Discussed getting a truck for Sold Waste and hiring someone to haul as a part time employee.
- Discusssed putting the current semi out for auction

Motions & Executive Sessions-

- *Motion:* **Ervin Underwood moved, Ed Duskie seconded** to proclaim January Stalking Awareness Month and Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Motion passed unanimously.
- *Motion:* **Ervin Underwood moved, Ed Duskie seconded** to approve the January 26th, 2026, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussions:

- Merritt pay bonus
- Brent Beck signed the 12th Judicial District Visitation and Child Exchange Service meeting room paperwork
- Ed Duskie stated that at the North Central Regional Planning meeting in Beloit, there was a discussion of doing a regional wide jail.
- Discussed that Cindy Becker requested the commissioners to sign a resolution that would allow the Health Department to opt out of going into Rock Hills Schools.
  - Commissioners stated they do not want to sign a Resolution stating this.
  - Ervin Underwood stated that Jeff Sells would just like communication before they enter the school.

Adjournment-

- The meeting adjourned at **10:01** a.m.

Brent Beck, Chairman

Ervin Underwood, Vice-Chairman

Myka Zadina, County Clerk

Ed Duskie, Member