

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 24, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met on February 24, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Ed Duskie, Brent Beck and Ervin Underwood were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, were present at the meeting.

The following were present for the office head meeting and provided an update for their department: Myka Zadina, County Clerk; Chris Petet, Custodian; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; Vincent Urbaniak, Ambulance Director and David Gagne, Noxious Weed employee. Those absent: Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director; Scott Wright, County Attorney; Joel Elkins, General Superintendent; Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator; James A. Vaughan IV, Solid Waste Director; Cindy Becker, Health Administrator; and Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds.

David Gagne stated he went to a Noxious Weed Director certification class in Manhattan.

Chris Petet stated the boilers were fixed, inspected and are working properly.

Anna Porter stated notices were sent to Postalocity and should be going out the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. She also stated Jewell County lost 14 million in appraised ag land which is 4.2 million assessed, for Jewell County that is \$655,000 in tax dollars we won't receive this year.

Vincent Urbaniak stated he is working with an individual that wants to be hired as an EMS driver and stated he has discussed this with the state. He is also wanting to get an EMT class up and going soon and working on getting an instructor. He also attended a regional meeting two weeks ago and learned useful policies. He gave the commissioners the monthly report for January and stated transfers were significantly higher this month.

Myka Zadina stated that she is training Tiarra Cluck and that she will also be reaching out to any townships that haven't sent back annual reports yet.

Brent Beck stated he attended the Conservation District meeting on Wednesday. He also will be attending the Hospital Board meeting this coming Wednesday. He also stated that the Commissioners and Myka will be attending the tri-county meeting in Smith Center today.

Ed Duskie stated he attended the Kansas Regional Planning meeting and he has been working on LEPP projects.

Ed Duskie moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes starting at 9:01 a.m. with Vincent Urbaniak present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion passed unanimously with regular session resuming at 9:11 a.m. and Ed Duskie moving, and Ervin Underwood seconding to go back into executive session for 5 minutes starting at 9:12 a.m. with Vincent Urbaniak present. Motion passed unanimously with regular session resuming at 9:17 a.m. with no action taken.

Joel Elkins, Road and Bridge supervisor, stated the bridge on Jewell/Republic county line is complete. They have been working on rock projects and have two miles of rock hauled on Jewell Road, once it thaws out they will get it laid.

Tanya Paul, DVACK, read the Teen Dating Violence Month Proclamation for February. Ed moved and Brent Beck seconded to make February Teen Dating Violence Month. Motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Underwood moved and Brent Beck seconded to approve abatement number 2612. Motion passed unanimously.

The commissioners opened bids for digging a new CND pit at the landfill. Two bids were received. The first bid was from Thunder Enterprise for \$47,000.00. The second bid was from Feldman Construction for 47,840.00. Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve Thunder Enterprises bid of \$47,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Underwood moved to approve the February 18<sup>th</sup> minutes. Ed Duskie seconded.

Ed Duskie moved, Brent Beck seconded to rescind the July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, motion regarding travel expenses.

The Commissioners discussed the fairgrounds and stated that the fair has their full support.


Don Jacobs, Sherriff, discussed his raise for 2025.

The Commissioners discussed the process of raises.

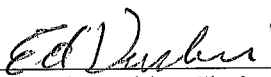
The Commissioners discussed buying a new truck for the solid waste department to haul trash.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Commissioners Beck, Underwood and Duskie along with Myka Zadina, County Clerk, attended the multi-county meeting hosted by Smith County at the Smith County Courthouse meeting room. The group discussed the following topics: sub-contracting projects, starting raises for employees, Pawnee Mental Health, merit based pay and landfill fees.

  
Ervin Underwood, Member

  
Myka Zadina, County Clerk

  
Ed Duskie, Chairman

  
Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman