

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
May 18, 2026

The Jewell County Commissioners met Monday, May 18th, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood, and Ed Duskie were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

Brent Beck started the meeting by thanking the Road and Bridge department for coming out this morning to clean up the courthouse yard after the weekend storms.

Jay Johaneck stated that tubes that are in the stockpile got damaged in the storm so he will submit them to insurance. He also stated that they are working in Jackson Township this week replacing box culverts. He also discussed a complaint about the reduced speed limit on the Webber Road; he stated that he drove it and the difference in time is 2.4 minutes and if people travel the lower speed limit it will help road conditions. Jay also stated that Bill Foster would like a gas-powered air compressor as he has nothing to air up tires down in the Ionia area. Bill is also concerned that there is no water at the Ionia location to rinse equipment and that he has a well about 150 ft from where he parks and would be willing to trade rights to the well for some county owned land in Ionia. The commissioners stated they are not interested.

The commissioners and Jay Johaneck discussed having a road viewing meeting in Jackson and Montana Township. They stated that they would meet at Webber at 1:30 on Tuesday May 26th.

Ervin Underwood moved and Ed Duskie seconded to approve an easement for Fred Eilert at 1070 L Road or 1 ¼ miles west of L road and 130 road intersection in Ionia Township. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Jacobs stated he had a new deputy starting today and that he will have to attend school. He also had another interview this morning and she will be able to start by June 8th and she has already been to academy. He also stated he spoke with the school about splitting the cost of a school resources officer. The school stated they would not be able to pay anything towards another employee at this time. The commissioners stated that if the school can't pay half, then they aren't interested. Don then stated he attended the Regional Jail meeting last week and they discussed inmates would see the judge for their first appearance here and then if they don't get bonded out, they would be moved to Mitchell County. Don Jacobs also stated that the National Night out is August 4th at 6:30.

Ed Duskie moved and Ervin Underwood and seconded to approve the Interlocal Service Contract between Area County Commissions and County Health Departments for the Development of Coordinated Environmental Planning and the Implementation of Environmental Programs. Motion passed unanimously.

The commissioners spoke with David Walton regarding the C&D pit and tree limbs from the storm. They stated that if the C&D pit is going to be open someone needs to be there to screen it.

Ervin Underwood moved and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the May 11, 2026, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Shelia Nelson-Stout, Kendra Krier, Susan Spigue and Mark Millard, OCCK, gave an update on services in our community and presented a chart of what services they have done for Jewell County. Shelia stated that OCCK is trying to figure out how to be more cost-effective but serve more people at the same time. She stated they wrote a grant last year for \$880,000.00 to purchase two vans that can be equipped with all the needs that someone might need to be able to stay at home. The van will be able to go to people's homes, and they can see the equipment in person and in their homes. Sheila stated that OCCK is requesting the same amount of funds for 2027 as 2026. Brent Beck stated that the home health services being done by OCCK is saving the county a lot of money and OCCK is doing a great job.

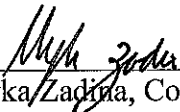
The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.




Brent Beck, Chairman



Ervin Underwood, Vice-Chairman



Myka Zadra, County Clerk



Ed Duskie, Member