COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
July 6, 2026

The Jewell County Commissioners met Monday, July 6th, 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.

Alex Larson, from Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, reviewed the draft of the FY2027 budget with the county commissioners to identify potential areas for spending cuts. Through these discussions, the commissioners successfully reduced the starting mill levy from 117.069 down to 104.069, ensuring it does not exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Following this adjustment, they officially scheduled the budget hearing for August 10th.

Jay Johanek reported that Komatsu will notify the county as soon as a demo dozer is available for a test drive. While the county is currently testing a dozer from CAT—and the commissioners noted they might consider renting it later on—they requested that the Komatsu unit be tested first. Johanek also discussed upcoming rocking projects, noting that the road west of Randall sustained significant water damage and will require rock. Additionally, the large tube project near Burr Oak was rained out last week, but he is hoping to complete it this Wednesday or Thursday. Finally, PEC representatives are on-site today to review bridge inspection paperwork and conduct field inspections.

Ed Duskie moved to recess to executive session under the personnel exception to the Open Meetings Act to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes, starting at 9:51 a.m. and reconvening at 10:11 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room with Cindy Becker and the commissioners present. Ervin Underwood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Following the session no action was taken.

Ervin Underwood moved and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the June 29th minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Underwood moved and Ed Duskie seconded to update the Sheriff department's employee rules and regulations effective July 6, 2026.

Vincent Urbaniak reviewed the monthly report for June and stated they had response calls 40 and 11 transfers,

Ed Duskie moved and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve Emergency vehicle designation application 26-04. Motion passed unanimously.

The commissioners reviewed and signed bill pay checks and vouchers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Brent Beck, Chairman

Ervin Underwood, Vice-Chairman

Myka Zadina, County Clerk

Ed Duskie, Member