

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 30, 2026

The Jewell County Commissioners met Monday, March 30th, 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.

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

David Walton, Solid Waste Director, stated that Dunstan trucking had an accident with trailer on Friday and that Eric Dunstan has another trailer and will get it to us ASAP. He also stated that they have hauled 98 tons this month. He also stated his employees Richard and Jacob are both doing great and getting trained on the backhoe and will train on the front loader next.

Jay Johaneck, General Superintendent, stated that they have been trying to keep up with replacing signs that have been vandalized and encourages residents to continue calling in to report damage to signs. He also stated that they have painted fog lines on the Webber Road and have ordered speed limit signs and curve signs.

Vincent Urbaniak, Ambulance Director, stated that new EMTs have now started and are getting experience with transfers. He is also preparing for licenses renewal.

Chris Petet, Custodian, stated the back door of the courthouse has not been wanting to shut or unlock and that he would like to look into a new door.

Anna Porter, County Appraiser, stated that they have around a dozen properties that are scheduled for an informal hearing. She stated with the new USD 107 mill levy we will probably see more at tax time.

Kevin Peroutek, Emergency Preparedness Director, presented the Homeland Security Council letter that Jewell County has to turn in every two years. He stated that he hosted the LEPC meeting at Bobs Inn. He also attended the Homeland Security meeting in Salina, KEMA meeting, salamander training, which is the software used to make badges, Federal reporting regarding SPARKS/ARPA/LETFCF funding. Ervin Underwood stated the CHIEFS meeting, Formoso guy stated he didn't get the invite.

Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, stated that he turned in the annual reports. He also stated he attended the Salina Farm show on Friday, and they talked about noxious weeds. He also

attended the weed directors meeting in Salina. He also stated that they are actively spraying now and have not seen much bind weed yet.

Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds, stated everything is going good in her office.

Don Jacobos, Sheriff, presented the monthly report for March and stated that there is an open position for a deputy. He also stated he went to the Salamander training with Kevin Peroutek.

Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director, stated that their office is back to regular hours and that they have hired Kaitlyn Pahls. She also reported that the Fair board met last week and fair planning is going well and that they had a good fund raiser in Jewell on Valentines Day. Nora also stated that Cunningham would be in the courthouse putting fiber cable in for their office.

Myka Zadina, County Clerk, stated that they had the March 3rd Election and Canvas. She also attended the LEPC meeting and North Central Kansas County Clerk Association meeting in Salina.

Ervin Underwood stated he has been working on regular business and went out and looked at roads with a grader operator. He also attended lunch at Dispatch Church that was hosted for the road department to show appreciation for the work they have done in their area.

Ed Duskie stated he also attended the lunch at Dispatch Church and thanked them for hosting. He also attended the Jewell County aging meeting and had also been looking into a road complaint that turned out to be the City of Randalls road.

Brent Beck attended the LEPC meeting at Bobs and Detention Center meeting in Minneapolis. He has also been working with the Solid Waste facility and arranging trash hauling. He also stated that the merit pay will be for 2027 so it can be worked into the budget.

Ed Duskie moved and Ervin Underwood seconded to appoint Kevin Peroutek to represent Jewell County on the Homeland security Council. Motion passed unanimously.

The Jewell County Commissioners opened Mower Bids:

Jewell Implement:

1. Land pride mower, RCP3760 Hydraulic Parallel Arm Rotary Cutter for \$31,750.00.

Carrico Implement

1. Land Pride RCPM3760-06 for \$30,750.00 – receive June 15th
2. Diamond mower 17-foot heavy duty 3-point hitch boom for \$46,000.00.

Ervin Underwood moved and Ed Duskie seconded to purchase the Land Pride RCPM3760-06 Mower from Carrico Implement for \$30,750.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Jay Johaneck gave an update regarding bridge inspections and said we would receive the bridge report in June or July. He also explained that when the purchase price of the excavator was discussed it did not include the rental price, so we need to correct the motion. Discussed road projects and Brent Beck stated that he has heard some complaints on field entrances and Jay stated he would discuss that with the Motor Grader operators.

Ed Duskie moved and Brent Beck seconded to amend the motion adopted on January 12th, 2026, regarding the lease purchase price by increasing the amount from \$360,000.00 to \$378,432.00. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners looked at quotes for a used truck for the Road and Bridge department. Ed Duskie moved and Ervin Underwood seconded to purchase an F150 for \$6,500.00 with funding from the sales made from the online auction.

Lesa Perotuek, Rural Water District No. 1, gave an update on water meters and stated they have been working to get them and that they currently have 82 applicants. The commissioners agreed it's not on a lack of effort to get the meters. Ervin Underwood moved and Brent Beck seconded to approve the additional \$15,000.00 to the water district for equipment from ARPA funding. Motion passed unanimously.

Eric Dunstan and Tyler Dunstan with Dunstan Trucking discussed the trailer that was in the accident. They stated it is in the wrecker yard in Manhattan and stated they delivered a backup trailer to the Solid Waste facility. They said they were working on a contract, and we could have the county attorney review it.

Ervin Underwood moved and Ed Duskie seconded to approve resolutions 26-06 from 26-15 for the Jewell County Health Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Jacobos, Sheriff, brought bids for a new office in the dispatch area. He stated the benefits would be that he would have a private interrogation room and separate office. It would take up half of the lobby area in the sheriff department. He also stated he can be closer to the dispatchers when people come in and give the dispatchers issues.

BID for a 9'6" x 10'6" office:

Bryan VanMeter - \$5,920.00

M-S Remodeling, LLC - \$12,060.00

Additional items - \$1010.00

Ervin Underwood moved and Brent Beck seconded to approve the bid from Bryan Vanmeter for \$5,920.00 and funding will come out of Courthouse repair. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved and Brent Beck seconded to approve the March 23, 2026, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

The county commissioners went to look at the back door and the upgrades needed on it. Chirs Petet stated if we replaced the back door, he would like it to be a handicap accessible door with a button. The commissioners agreed and asked him to get bids.


The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



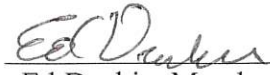
Brent Beck, Chairman



Ervin Underwood, Vice-Chairman



Myka Ladina, County Clerk



Ed Duskie, Member