

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

April 20, 2026

The Jewell County Commissioners met Monday, April 20, 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.

Sherry Koster, Jewell County Conservation District, presented the County Budget Certification to Conservation District for FY 2027. The Conservation District is requesting \$25,000.00 from the county's general fund to help support the operations fund, farm fund and enterprise fund. Sherry also stated that Jewell County is lucky to have commissioners that understand conservation and support it.

Tanya Paul, DVACK, stated she passed out ribbons for the sheriff's office to place on their vehicles for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and stated that April 29th is Denim Day. Tanya then read the proclamation for the month of April. Ed Duskie moved and Ervin Underwood seconded to proclaim April 2026 Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, asked if we could look into the burn ban resolution to prevent people from getting permission to burn during a red flag warning. The commissioners stated they would look to see what could be done. Don also stated that the new office is complete and he is working on moving equipment into it.

Ervin Underwood moved and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes starting at 9:11 a.m. with Myka Zadina and Don Jacobs present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion passed unanimously with regular session resuming at 9:16 a.m. with no action taken.

Jay Johanek, Road and Bridge Superintendent, stated that three tubes are being installed this morning on the Kohn project and should be done tomorrow. He also discussed the semi traffic on 250 rd. & 280 rd. and stated that he spoke with Cloud County regarding their attempts to restrict access on county roads and they stated they had no luck with it. He stated that a big suggestion to help reduce the traffic was signage but stated it would then need to be enforced. He also discussed the option of setting a speed limit on these roads and having the sheriff's department enforce it. He then discussed road projects and that they started to haul water on 30 rd. Jay also discussed the use of tanker cars for culverts and explained that they are significantly lower in price than corrugated culverts.

Ed Duskie stated that he had a complaint on O rd. regarding a bridge that is rated 15 tons but is narrow. Jay Johanek stated that the ton limit goes off the inspections from the state. Jay also stated that it is in a flood plain and if they would replace it that it would cause more issues than anything and that the bridge is safe to cross.

Cade Rietzke and Mathew Flint with BHC provided a handout and offered their services. They stated they provided different services like surveying, engineering design survey, land record searches and also has help Smith County with writing a grant for bridge repairs. They stated they are based out of Kensington, with their headquarters in Overland Park.

The County Commissioners, Jay Johaneck and County Clerk Myka Zadina discussed a clerical error identified in the minutes of the March 16, 2026, meeting. The original minutes stated that Chase Wagner, representing Carrico Implement, presented three-point mount mower options with the following pricing:

- **Land Pride:** \$37,000.00
- **Diamond:** \$46,000.00

At that time, the Commissioners directed Jay Johaneck to obtain comparable quotes from Jewell Implement for further review. The County Clerk clarified that the reported figure of **\$37,000.00** for the Land Pride mower was a typographical error and was not identified during the initial review process. The actual quote presented on March 16 was **\$30,750.00**. The quote for the Diamond mower remains unchanged at **\$46,000.00**. The County Clerk noted that the original bids from both the March 16 and March 30 meetings are on file and available for public inspection at the County Clerk's office.

Ervin Underwood moved and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the April 13th minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed the options presented to them by the NCKS Region of having a district county counselor. They stated they are not interested in paying for a county counselor when we have a county attorney.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.




Brent Beck, Chairman



Ervin Underwood, Vice-Chairman



Myka Zadina, County Clerk



Ed Duskie, Member