

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 20, 2026

The Jewell County Commissioners met Monday, July 20th, 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.

Jay Johanek and Randy Fogo gave updates for the Road and Bridge Department. They stated that they are finishing work on 250 Road this week and hauling gravel today. Roads in the Randall and Formoso areas are currently being destroyed by both company and private trucks and crews cannot keep up with maintaining the roads given the heavy traffic. In response, they are getting pricing for "No Thru Traffic" signs to place at the north and south ends of 250 Road and 280 Road if the County Commissioners would like them to order some. Ervin Underwood questioned whether Kansas load laws apply to these roads and that enforcement will ultimately fall on law enforcement, though Fogo noted he has seen the Highway Patrol on the Randall Road. On the equipment front, a Komatsu demo unit is expected to arrive later today and will be put to work in the pit tomorrow. Johanek also stated he requested quotes from Nate Saathoff, Singer Construction, and Eldon Dunstan regarding building repairs from recent storms. On a positive note, having the machines in the Threshing Bee parade went well, with Underwood receiving many favorable comments.

Vincent Urbaniak stated he is going to have the county Road and Bridge department rock the driveway to hopefully get a good base layer before winter.

Ed Duskie moved to recess to executive session under the personnel exception to the Open Meetings Act to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes, starting at 8:58 a.m. and reconvening at 9:13 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room with Myka Zadina, Vincent Urbaniak and the commissioners present. Ervin Underwood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Following the session no action was taken.

Mariah Wanklyn reported attending several meetings last week regarding security for the District Court Clerk and the Judges. The District Judge has ordered the main door to remain closed, with staff letting visitors in individually. Additionally, the district is setting up a self-help center using a room for Kansas Legal Aid services. Because this program currently allows the public access to both the Judge's and Clerk's offices, the District Judge would like to move the main door farther back to block off the public area. The District Judge would also want the existing window on the door removed and installing a Plexiglas window with a speaking hole. The Commissioners questioned whether this was coming from the state level or just a preference for the District Judge. Wanklyn stated that the Sheriff expressed concerns regarding clerk security during a meeting. The commissioners requested that Judge Phillips, Don Jacobs, and Scott Wright attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the security and to see what concerns they have.

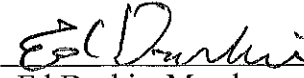
Ervin Underwood moved and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the July 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

  
Brent Beck, Chairman

  
Myka Ladina, County Clerk

  
Ervin Underwood, Vice-Chairman

  
Ed Duskie, Member