

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

May 26th, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met on May 26th, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Ed Duskie, Brent Beck and Ervin Underwood were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present at the meeting.

The following were present for the office head meeting and provided an update for their department: Myka Zadina, County Clerk; Vincent Urbaniak, Ambulance Director; David Walton, Solid Waste Director; Cindy Becker, Health Administrator; Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator and Chris Petet, Custodian. Those absent: Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director; Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds; Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Scott Wright, County Attorney; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; and Joel Elkins, General Superintendent.

Cindy Becker, Health Administrator, stated that she and Dakota Alvarez attended the KANB Healthy training at the beginning of the month. Michelle Lindberg is now a certified community health worker, and this will allow for more service. Michelle Lindberg will also be attending a training next month in Wichita. Cindy also stated that she hired Jenny Scarrow as the office manager and stated it has been going really good. She also gave an update on grants and said Jewell County has been selected for funding in the amount of \$35,000.00 for suicide prevention. She is also working on Safe Kids grant to be able to hand out life jackets and helmets. Cindy stated she submitted a CDS grant to cover the cost of the new courthouse stairs.

Chris Petet, Custodian, stated that the front steps and driveway projects are complete.

Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, said that chemical sales have been average and that David Gagne took his test to get licensed and is waiting to receive the results.

Kevin Peroutek, Emergency Preparedness Director, stated he attended the PSAP administration training for dispatchers in Salina. He stated that AT&T has a portable dispatch unit they could bring in for training. He will also be attending the KEMA meeting and Homeland Security meeting this week.

David Walton, Solid Waste Director, presented a monthly report. He also stated he is signed up for CDL classes and will start June 2nd. The cones and signs are now up at the C&D pit and will get pictures sent to the state. He also stated that the new C&D pit has been flagged, and that Greg Wilson has been notified that he can start digging the pit. He discussed the options for a new solid waste trailer and the 20-ton minimum for Hamm.

Vincent Urbaniak, Ambulance Director stated they have the annual state inspection this week and that they have been super busy with runs and transfers.

Myka Zadina, County Clerk, stated that her office has been working on budgets. She also attended the Clerks Conference at the beginning of the month. She let everyone know that Carla Waugh will be back in the office for the next 8 weeks while we are short-handed.

Ervin Underwood attended the JCCDA meeting this month.

Brent Beck attended the Detention center meeting in Junction City and will be attending the Hospital Board meeting tomorrow. He also stated the city will be painting the curb and putting up a no parking sign by the front steps because of the location of the railing.

Ed Duskie has been working with LEPA and Phill Murrow to help out at other Counties. He also stated he has been looking at county roads and complaints.

Cindy Becker discussed her termite issue at the Health Department. She stated that Schendel Pest Control would cost \$1650.00 to treat the termites, and the commissioners stated that she could have World Pest Control do an inspection for \$95 to see what a treatment plan with them would cost. She also stated that the basement is still leaking and that the apron placed around the building didn't fix it and there are also new gutters on the building. The Commissioners stated that they would come to look at it. She also stated that the KPIC grant comes due in June so she will be having an increase in vouchers while spending the remaining \$13,500.00. She also stated Abby will be attending a Prevention Conference held in Colorado for two days in June and will be covered by a grant.

Sheila Nelson Stout, Susan Sprague and Kendra Krier from OCCK gave an update. Sheila Nelson stated the they provided services for Rural Areas and served 5,700 people last year and gave 300,000 rides with the transportation system. She stated that OCCK is not asking for any increases this year for budget. Susan Sprague reviewed home care and home health services. Kendra Krier stated that OCCK works with infants and toddlers to the age of 3 have served 11 kids this year. They offer Physical therapy, speech therapy and after the age of 3 they transition to the school system. She also discussed crisis services provided. Sheila also gave an update on a grant that OCCK wrote to the state for rural technology services. With the grant money they will be purchasing two vans that can hold technology to bring to people to show them how technology can help and keep people living at home. The vans will also have technology that can be loaned out so people can use technology at their home. Brent Beck stated that the services they provided are very much appreciated.

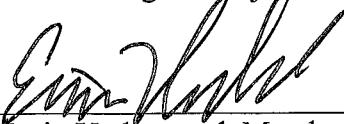
Steve Greene discussed road concerns.

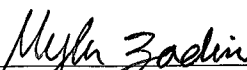
Joel Elkins said they are waiting for things to dry up some so they can start fixing dirt roads. He also Stated he got ahold of Gary Kriley regarding a new tube needing placed and where tubes that were exposed at the last big rain have barricades at them. Joel said he spent 2-3 hrs. on Thursday driving the dirt roads to see what is needing repaired. He stated that Noah Shipman started today and will be running mower and then he will move him to a motor grader. The Commissioners discussed schooling for new motor graders. Ervin stated we needed to look at areas with wash boards while we have moisture. Ed informed Joel that he was on D rd. by the Athens Cemetery, and it has a lot of mud spots on it and was wondering if they could bring the sides up and gravel it instead of patching it. Ed also discussed the Randall Rd south out of town and stated he has had a lot of calls on it and he was wondering if they can put gravel on it. Joel stated on that road people drive too fast and with the amount of traffic on it all the gravel blows right off. They discussed that the road has plenty of rock on it but when people drive so fast on it that it beats it to dust and that when the bigger rocks show up. Joel stated he can work the road and place gravel and see if it will stay. Joel also discussed the dispatch road, and he thinks he can pull up and get a crown back on the road and they won't have to haul much rock.

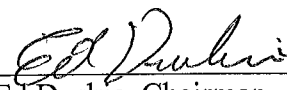
Chris Petet stated that the courtroom needs a new air conditioner unit. The Commissioners stated to purchase it, and Steve Christie will install it.

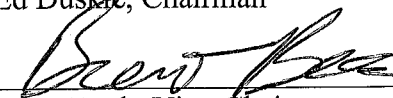
Myka stated that Kevin Peroutek was informed that the fair board has not received the ARPA funds. The commissioners stated that they would like to know exactly what project the money will be used for and when the project will start.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.


Ervin Underwood, Member


Myka Zadina, County Clerk


Ed Duskie, Chairman


Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman