

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 26, 2019

The Jewell County Commissioners met August 26, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners, Steve Greene, Mark Fleming and Keith Roe were present. Houston Becker, Deputy County Clerk was present for the meeting.

The minutes of the August 19, 2019 County Commissioners meeting were approved.

The following were present for office head meeting: Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; Chris Petet, Custodian; Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator; Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director; Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Anna Morgan, Register of Deeds and Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Houston Becker, Deputy County Clerk. Those absent: Nancy Marihugh, Health Nurse, and Joel Elkins, General Superintendent.

Don Jacobs said he attended the Jewell City meeting and Mankato City meeting. He also attended the KEMA meeting. Don said he and Jewell County Emergency Manager, Kevin Peroutek, attended the 184th Intelligence Wing Domestic Operation Showcase to learn about the capabilities and help the 184th has to offer in an emergency. Don said we have two inmates outsourced to another county.

Kevin Peroutek said he also attended the KEMA meeting, 184th Intelligence Wing Domestic Operation Showcase, as well as the CIC Symposium Conference in Wichita for weed software training. Kevin said it was brought to his attention over the weekend that a tire needed repaired or replaced on the emergency van. He reported Notice of Infestations have gone out in the mail from the Weed Department. He attended a weed directors meeting in Hays. Jewell County will be hosting a similar weed directors meeting scheduled for November.

Travis Garst said they passed the KDHE inspection and had a KDHE tour. He said Thursday there will be another inspection on the well caps. Travis will be working on updating Facility Operating Plans for the Transfer Station.

Anna Morgan reported business as usual.

Shannon Meier said they had a slow month and they are getting ready for football season.

Brenda Eakins said delinquent taxes went to the newspaper and they are finishing up the current tax roll for 2019.

Anna Porter said they went through three software updates. They had some issues but have worked through most of them. She reported that their department has been working on finishing up field work.

Houston Becker reported that their office has been preparing for the November 5th General Election. She said they have been proofing ballots.

Keith Roe reminded everyone the last day to register is October 15th.

Steve Greene said he attended the Juvenile Detention Center meeting. He will attend the Pawnee Mental Health meeting tomorrow as well as the Jewell County Hospital board meeting on Wednesday.

Anna Morgan updated the Commissioners on her retirement plans. She said Friday, January 10th 2020 will be her planned retirement date. She said she will be sending letters out to the Governor, County Clerk and Register of Deeds Association. The Commissioners thanked her for her dedication and service to the county.

Nancy Marihugh was absent from office head meeting to attend a training in Emporia. She left a report of updates from the Health Department for August 2019 for the Commissioners. Nancy reported the school inspection was done as required by K.S.A. 65-202. She noted that the school was helpful and cooperative. They worked with the school to compile a list of children who needed required immunizations for this school year. She reported an increased volume of immunizations given in August with school immunization requirements and newly required Hepatitis A and Meningococcal ACYW for this year. She said the State has announced the week of April 13th there will be a full-scale exercise held with Pandemic Flu and Ebola components included in the exercise. She noted the Opioid Grant is coming to an end and that they ran several Opioid abuse/overdose awareness ads on the Health Department's Facebook page this month. Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation notified us that they have additional grant money to help with opioid abuse prevention and awareness and would like the different county stakeholders to voice any suggestions or ideas to utilize that money. She said she has spoken with Don Jacobs and will contact the school for any ideas they might have. She noted that she will be attending the quarterly Regional Public Health meeting in Beloit on Wednesday.

Don Jacobs joined the meeting. He reported concerns brought to his attention by individuals about courthouse safety. He recommended using an alert system for county employees that would send alerts via text message to inform courthouse and county employees about security updates. The Commissioners agreed the text messages are a good idea but they are not wanting that to replace other advanced security measures that have been discussed. Don reminded the Commissioners that Stop the Bleed training is at 1:00 today for all Safety Meeting members.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, discussed road and bridge repairs. The Commissioners reported road concerns.

Darrell Miller, County Attorney, requested an executive session to discuss legal matters. Mark Fleming moved and Steve Greene seconded to go into executive session to discuss legal matters for 10 minutes beginning at 10:15 a.m. with Darrell Miller and Houston Becker present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 10:25 with no action taken.

Keith Roe moved that the county pay Sue Foster \$100 as a general release from all issues related to employment and for her voluntary resignation from employment. Mark Fleming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Eakins joined the meeting to explain the delinquent tax threshold requirements for a delinquent tax sale. Darrell said he will prepare a list of what requirements Brenda would need in order to create a list of eligible properties. Darrell said they will make a decision after further research and discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Keith Roe, Member

Steve Greene, Chairman

Houston Becker, Deputy County Clerk

Mark Fleming, Member