

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

January 29, 2024

The Jewell County Commissioners met January 29, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Keith Roe, Ed Duskie, and Brent Beck were present. Carla Waugh, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

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

Chairman Roe opened the meeting with the flag salute in honor of Kansas day.

Cindy Becker, Health Administrator, said they have been working on training. They are providing Covid-19 testing with the State reimbursing. Cindy said KDHE is planning to provide a Commissioners' Seminar explaining what services public health provides.

Shannon Meier discussed calls with inclement weather and snow packed road. He said they will be providing CPR training at the High School. He is updating the protocols with Dr. Walker.

Chris Petet thanked Road & Bridge for helping with snow removal at the courthouse.

Kevin Peroutek reported for the emergency preparedness that he attended the wildfire evacuation training in Clay Center. He plans to attend the Regional Homeland Security meeting tomorrow. He is sponsoring a response dinner and meeting for radio and communications planning. He said the Kansas Pipeline Safety meeting is February 13<sup>th</sup>. Kevin said the annual Storm Spotter's meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Mankato Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Kevin said the Noxious Weed Association has an upcoming basic training for new employees and also the annual conference.

Don Jacobs said that they are interviewing for a dispatcher. He said that currently one deputy is at the training academy. Don said he needed to repair the siren in one of the patrol vehicles. He attended training last week in Topeka.

Scott Wright introduced himself. He reported that the State Court is returning to the e-filing system.

Carla Waugh said her office has sent out all 1099 and W-2's and is working to electronically submit to the IRS. She said they are preparing for the March 19<sup>th</sup> Presidential Preference Primary election.

Brent Beck said he attended the Hospital Board meeting. He has been checking into road complaints. He discussed the 4% raise to all employees.

Ed Duskie said he attended the first LEPG meeting and was elected President. He has been checking out road and snow complaints.

Keith Roe said he attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting in Beloit. He said they decided to change to quarterly meetings.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, had a quote for a new control box for the siren in the patrol car. The Commissioners gave their approval for the repairs.

Rick Peters discussed a dispute of a fence placed on a road.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, discussed equipment repairs. Brent discussed a road complaint in the Salem Bell area. Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 9:40 a.m. with Joel Elkins present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:55 a.m. with no action taken.

The minutes of the January 22, 2024, Commissioners meeting were approved.

Kyra Lampe, Jewell County Community Development Director, provided a general overview of projects and programs provided in 2023. Some of the projects and programs were: The Big Kansas Road Trip, museum, kiosk at the lake, Echo Dell, BCBS pathways grant; Foundation raised money. Kyra is at the museum 9 to 5 each Monday and Wednesday and from 9 to 3 each Friday.

Brent Beck moved to approve Steven Melnick, Colonial Insurance to provide \$10,000 of group life for full time employees. Ed Duskie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Brent Beck, Member

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Keith Roe, Chairman

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Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

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Ed Duskie, Vice-Chairman