

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

January 31, 2022

The Jewell County Commissioners met, January 31, 2022, at 8:30a.m. Commissioners Steve Greene, Brent Beck and Keith Roe were present. Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk was present for the meeting.

The following were present for office head meeting Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director; Chris Petet, Custodian; Alexandria Carabajal, County Attorney; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; and Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator. Those absent; Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds; Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director; Cindy Becker, Health Administrator; Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director; Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Don Jacobs, Sheriff; and Joel Elkins, General Superintendent.

Shannon Meier said that the EMS calls have slowed down but COVID-19 testing is still going strong. He has a meeting with KDHE today concerning testing.

Kevin Peroutek reported for the Weed Department that chemical sales have been robust this month. He said the chemical prices change frequently. Kevin said that Bill Burgess will be helping in the office. Kevin reported for the Emergency Preparedness Office that Jewell County participated in the Cyber Security Evaluation. He will be attending a preparedness seminar this week.

Anna Porter said they are getting values ready for March 1. They have completed inspected new construction.

Alex Carabajal reviewed the current court cases. She said that she applied for and received a \$750 full tuition scholarship to attend a 4-day Crimes Prosecutor's training in San Antonio, TX in April. Alex said that two trials are currently on the schedule.

Carla Waugh said her office completed 1099 and W-2 processing. Carla has been assisting residents with homestead claims.

Brent Beck said he attended the Juvenile Justice Authority Board meeting via Zoom.

Keith Roe said he attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting.

Steve Greene said he attended the Economic Development meeting, Juvenile Detention Board meeting and the Hospital Board meeting. Steve said the Commissioners have discussed ways to retain current employees including a 2 to 3 percent pay increase in May or June. He asked for suggestions to help retain employees. This concluded office head meeting.

Davin Coil, Vice President of FBLA and Paige Zadina, President of FFA requested the Commissioners approval of the Proclamation for February as CTE Month. Haley Garst, Photographer, was also present. Keith Roe moved and Brent Beck seconded to approve the Proclamation for February as Career & Technical Educational Month. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Beck moved and Keith Roe seconded to approve abatement numbers 2484 and 2485. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the January 24, 2022, County Commissioners meeting were approved.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, discussed bridge and road maintenance projects. He also discussed equipment repairs.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, discussed hiring a part time employee. He stated he would need to keep the Chevrolet pickup instead of trading it in on new vehicle for the part time employee to use.

Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director, provided the monthly activity report for December 2021. He said he is checking into a used a forklift and will get quotes.

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

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Keith Roe, Member

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Steve Greene, Chairman

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Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

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Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman