

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 12, 2021

The Jewell County Commissioners met Friday, February 12, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Steve Greene and Keith Roe were present. Carla J Waugh, County Clerk was present for the meeting. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss Jewell County Home Health Services.

Others present for the meeting were: Daniel Higer, Verla Roe, Janet Higer, Angela D. Murray, Janelle Greene, Tamara Kimminau, Carl Murray, Julie McEntee, Cindy Buser, Lori Zadina, Mark Fleming, Lisa Goodheart, Jeanie Blair, Susan Newell, Julie Kennedy, Kevin Peroutek, Hannah Wyman, Lyle Dauner and Karen Figgins.

Chairman Roe called the meeting to order to discuss Jewell County Home Health Services. Chairman Roe said the Commissioners have looked at options for the Home Health Services but plan to post notice for the opening for the Home Health RN Position. Steve Greene stated that the Jewell County Health Nurse never said to do away with the position of the Home Health Nurse. He said the Commissioners decided with the retirement of the current RN this was the time to explore options with the intent that services will always be provided. All Commissioners received considerable input from the community.

Public Comments: It was noted that many that use the home health services rely on local employees they trust and have confidence in for their care. The current rates were discussed along with the possibility of increasing the rates but understanding not everyone would be able to pay if they were raised. It was stated that a private company will raise their rates. It was agreed that Becky Blair will be hard to replace and that Cindy Buser and Julie McEntee provide excellent care. Lyle Dauner said we need this service to help Jewell County to continue to thrive.

Steve Greene stated that the Jewell County residents have lived here all their lives and have paid taxes and he feels we owe them this service.

Steve Greene moved to advertise for the open position for RN for Home Health Services. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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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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Steve Greene, Vice-Chairman