

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
February 12, 2024

The Jewell County Commissioners met February 12, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Keith Roe, Ed Duskie, and Brent Beck were present. MacKinzie Kohler, Deputy County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds told the Commissioners that she would like to purchase 2 new computers and 4 monitors for her office, as their current computers are getting too slow. She would also like to purchase a new desktop Fujitsu scanner to replace the current one which has a flatbed scanner which they do not need or use and would like to change to something smaller that does not take up as much space. She also said that she would like to keep one of the old computers to use as an additional public station, and the rest will be published for sale in the newspaper. Amanda presented 3 quotes for the following amounts: from Dell- \$4,573.03, Newegg.com- \$4,309.18, and Best Buy- \$4,232.48. Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded to accept the quote from New Egg. She also asked the commissioners for their opinions on the idea of creating an office policy that states that she will not help customers fill out deeds in order to protect the county, as she is not technically qualified to do this, and does not want to encounter any issues if something went wrong with a deed. The commissioners agreed that this would be a good idea and recommended that Amanda consult with the county attorney about creating a policy. Amanda informed the commissioners that the recording program that they use in her office is quite high in price and continues to go up in price. This is usually paid for in part out of the register of deeds tech fund, and the rest out of general. Amanda said that this year her budget will be able to cover it, but asked if in the following year the general fund can cover what she does not have the budget for. The commissioners advised Amanda that it should be okay, and to revisit when it is time to pay the bill next year.

The minutes of the February 5, 2024, Commissioners meeting was approved.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the Revised Employment Rules and Regulations for the Jewell County Courthouse and Elected Officials.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, discussed maintenance. The commissioners expressed desire to attempt making plans to repair FAS roads to help minimize road complaints. They would like a crown put on these roads and look into putting gravel on them. The Commissioners said that during snow removal the operators are to clean the end of driveway so residents can get in and out of the property. They also discussed the possibility of a hiring part time motor grader operator to help cover the area that was previously maintained by employees that have now retired, until a full-time employee can be hired.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Brent Beck, Member

Keith Roe, Chairman

MacKinzie Kohler, Deputy County Clerk

Ed Duskie, Vice-Chairman