COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS February 20, 2024

The Jewell County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Keith Roe, Ed Duskie, and Brent Beck were present. Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

Brent Beck moved, and Keith Roe seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes beginning at 8:31 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 8:41 a.m. with no action taken.

Scott Wright, County Attorney, discussed Rick Peters' concerns about the road on the property line and reviewed the statute. Scott said Mr. Peters needs to petition the Commissioners with more specific information including a legal description of the property in question. Scott also discussed increasing internet security for county electronic communications. He said with the increase of cyber-attacks, it is best practice to be proactive. The Commissioners concluded they could not create a new road. Although it is less convenient, the landowner has access to the tract of land through his own land.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes beginning at 9:12 a.m. to discus non-elected personnel with Scott Wright and Carla Waugh present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:22 a.m. with no action taken.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded to approve abatement number 2591. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie discussed the LEPG Advisory Board and reported a special meeting was called for Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at the Jewell County Courthouse.

The minutes of the February 12, 2024, Commissioners meeting were approved.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, provided a map of FAS roads in Jewell County. Joel Elkins said the average cost to rock one mile of road is \$23,100 plus \$2,040 per mile to put gravel on the road. Joel said they are rocking 50 Road starting at V Road. Joel discussed selling surplus equipment at the Becker & Bouray Consignment Auction on April 7th.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 10:00 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 10:05 a.m. with Ed Duskie moving to terminate the employment of P.J. Garst, Solid Waste Director, immediately and in accordance with his employment agreement he will be paid for 30 days from the date of termination. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.		
Brent Beck, Member	Keith Roe, Chairman	
Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk	Ed Duskie, Vice-Chairman	