

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 28, 2022

The Jewell County Commissioners met, March 28, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Steve Greene and Brent Beck 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; Cindy Becker, Health Administrator; 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; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director; Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Don Jacobs, Sheriff; and Joel Elkins, General Superintendent.

Kevin Peroutek, reported for the Emergency Preparedness that he helped with the extraction drill. He also attended the Regional Homeland Security zoom meeting and Everbridge Training. Kevin said the ARPA application deadline is April 1. He reported the following for the Noxious Weed Department - Kevin worked in the Noxious Weed Director's booth at the 3-I Farm Show. He said there has been no spraying yet, but they are preparing for the spring spraying. Kevin said the annual report was submitted and approved by the State.

Chris Petet said that John Briggs repaired the snow blower. The Commissioners suggested getting the mower serviced by John Briggs as well.

Shannon Meier said they had a busy month. He and his department participated in the extraction drill with the fire department and that it went well. Shannon has a meeting tonight with the hospital and school for preparing for a mass casualty drill.

Cindy Becker said they have been testing a few for COVID19. They have been receiving payments for COVID19 grant and insurance payments. Cindy discussed the renovation project and their department policy and procedures.

Anna Porter said property owners have until March 31 to request appeal. She said that the preliminary ratio study from 2021 indicates Jewell County is low on residential ratio.

Alex Carabajal reported the following activity: 14 traffic cases; 11 criminal cases (6 felony and 5 misdemeanor); and 1 child in need of care case. Alex said that she will be attending a prosecutors' sex crimes training April 11 to April 14 with a full paid scholarship. She discussed a resolution for parking in Ionia.

Carla Waugh said that they have been preparing for the auditors' visit next week. She said she has been working on an ARPA policy. Carla discussed legislation concerning elections and ballot drop boxes.

Brent Beck said they have been working on ARPA requests. He attended the Area Agency on Aging meeting. Brent worked with landowners on a previous fence issue. He discussed road issues.

Steve Greene said he attended the Economic Development meeting, the Juvenile Detention meeting, and the Hospital Board meeting. This concluded office head meeting.

Alex Carabajal, County Attorney, had for the Commissioners' review and approval a resolution for no parking in a portion of Ionia.

Kevin Peroutek, Emergency Preparedness Director, and Fire Chiefs – Darrell Bohnert, Jewell; LeRoy Buser, Randall; Dave Hastings, Esbon; Brian Shulda, Mankato; Bob Roush, Formoso; Steve Cosand, Burr Oak; and Don Jacobs, Sheriff. Discussed Jewell County Fire Departments Radio Upgrade Proposal and application for ARPA Funding. Sheriff Jacobs asked about the cost to change out the console in sheriff dispatch if the fire department radios are updated. Daniel Pierce, Pierce Electronics, said that the cost is included in the proposal.

Steve Greene said that the Commissioners have received many requests for ARPA funding. Steve Greene said that the County Road & Bridge budget is already in jeopardy because of fuel prices, and we will need ARPA Funds to keep the department running for the entire year. So, he advised the fire departments they may get some funding but most likely not all that is requested. Tammy Cosand was also present for the discussion.

Lucretia Holterman, Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, said she was here to seek support. She discussed the services they provided for children. Don Jacobs, Sheriff, was present for the discussion. She requested \$2000 in funding for 2023.

Don Jacobs discussed budget and ARPA request.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent and Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment, reviewed a quote for a reclaimer – 2022 Caterpillar RM500B-LR Paver, emulsion system and water, \$888,724 less trade allowance of \$254,000 for 2013 RM500B for a total price of \$634,724.00. Brent Beck moved, and Steve Greene seconded to approve the purchase of the 2022 Caterpillar RM500B-LR Paver, emulsion system and water, \$888,724 less trade allowance of \$254,000 for 2013 RM500B for a total price of \$634,724.00. Motion passed.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, had a request to purchase a CAD Bundle User License with training for E911 for a total price of \$6,080. This purchase would be from the 911 funds. Steve Greene moved to approve the purchase of the CAD Program from Omnigo Software for a total of \$6,080.00. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brent Beck moved to pass Resolution 22-04 for placement of “No Parking” signs on a portion of the street located in Ionia, for the hours of 1 a.m. to 8 a.m. with violators to be towed at their own expense. Steve Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The minutes of the March 21, 2022, County Commissioners meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Keith Roe, Member

Steve Greene, Chairman

Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman