

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

April 24, 2023

The Jewell County Commissioners met April 24, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Keith Roe, and Ed Duskie, were present. Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

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

Anna Porter said last week was the deadline to call for a hearing appeal appointment. They had less than 50 hearings scheduled.

Cindy Becker said they attended the Governor's Conferences and plan to attend the Infectious Disease Symposium. They have investigated one animal rabies case. Cindy said she signed the Health Department up for the set-off program for collections. She said the Health Department will be at the Hospital's Health Fair on Wednesday.

Kevin Peroutek, reported for the EMP Department that he had an offer for someone to help volunteer with the department. This person offered his services on a volunteer basis. Kevin said he will have an information table at the Health Fair to encourage residents to sign up for Everbridge alerts. Kevin said that Daniel Pierce notified him that some of the Fire Department radios had been delivered. He reported for the Weed Department that they haven't received any applications for the part-time position. Kevin discussed chemical sales and spraying. He said the monthly Weed Director's meeting was in Belleville for April. Kevin said that Drones were the topic discussed as they will be used for spraying in the future.

Don Jacobs reported that they have one person in jail, He said that Deputy Manual Lucero graduated on April 7<sup>th</sup> and that the new deputy started last week. He discussed the testing of the Everbridge system.

Carla Waugh said she will be sending out 2024 budget requests next week.

Ed Duskie said he joined the online meeting for the JJA and checked on county roads.

Keith Roe said he attended the NCRPC meeting at Beloit.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, discussed an agreement with Deputy Rogers and requested Commissioners' approval. Ed Duskie moved to approve the agreement with the Sheriff's Office and Leonard Rogers. Keith Roe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ed Duskie moved, and Keith Roe seconded to approve abatement numbers 2544 to 2547. Motion passed.

Kevin Peroutek and Don Jacobs discussed updating the Burn Ban Resolution stating that it needed to add verbal permission.

Keith Roe moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for Aaron Coil D.B.A. Lovewell Marina. Motion passed.

The minutes of April 17, 2023, County Commissioners meeting were approved.

Ed Duskie moved, and Keith Roe seconded to award the Jewell County Rural Water District #1 \$15,000 of the ARPA Funding with the intent to provide the additional funding in 2025 contingent on a plan from the Jewell County Rural Water District #1 for new meter hook-ups. Motion passed.

Don Riveria, Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, provides mobile services and physical offices to 34 counties. He discussed the four core services they provide for children. They are requesting \$2000 for budget request this year.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, discussed road and bridge maintenance. Ed Duskie discussed a bridge on K Rd in Limestone township.

Chairman Roe opened the following bids for excavator:

- Berry Tractor – 2023 Komatsu PC240 - \$217,329.19
- Berry Tractor – 2023 Komatsu PC210 - \$175,388.95
- Murphy Tractor – 2023 John Deere 250 - \$275,387.85
- Murphy Tractor – 2023 John Deere 210P - \$223,450.46
- Foley Equipment – 2023 Caterpillar 326 - \$282,766.25
- Foley Equipment – 2023 Caterpillar 323 - \$229, 509.10

The following were present for the bid opening: Larry Briand, Berry Tractor; Casey Frasier, Foley Equipment; Phillip Pennington, and Bob Jordan, Murphy Tractor. The Board and Joel Elkins requested that Berry Tractor provide bids that include full warranty and service for 72 months 700 hours as requested in bid specifications. Casey Frasier, Foley Tractor, agreed that the PM contract is included in Foley Equipment's bid as well as Murphy Tractor's bid. Joel Elkins requested to table bids until next week so he can review the bids.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Ed Duskie, Member

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Brent Beck, Chairman

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Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

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Keith Roe, Vice-Chairman