

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

May 24, 2021

The Jewell County Commissioners met May 24, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Steve Greene and Keith Roe were present. Carla J Waugh, County Clerk was present for the meeting.

The following were present for office head meeting: Alexandria Carabajal, County Attorney; Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; Chris Petet, Custodian; Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator; and Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director. Those absent; Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Nancy Marihugh, Health Administrator; Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director; and Joel Elkins, General Superintendent.

Kevin Peroutek reported the following: Noxious Weed: 1/3 complete on spraying, chemical sales; He also reported that they discovered the building roof is leaking and discussed options for repair. EMP: working on Jewell County's emergency operations plan, ARP – grant, committee to funding.

Amanda Davis said her office is running smoothly.

Anna Porter will provide real estate valuations to County Clerk and personal property later today.

Chris Petet said he received the yard sweep.

Travis Garst said he has been working on permits, C&D pit, and budgeting.

Alex Carabajal reported the following activity: 19 criminal cases filed, 9 children in need of care cases, 5 juvenile offender cases, 70 to 80 traffic tickets.

Carla Waugh said the office is busy with budgets and candidate filings.

Steve Greene said he attended the Economic Development Meeting, Juvenile Detention Center meeting and the Hospital Board meeting this week.

Keith Roe said he attended the North Central KS Regional Planning Commission meeting. He also checked some roads.

Brent Beck said he had worked on the road closing in Highland Township. He is also working on some tube repairs with Joel Elkins. This ended office head meeting.

Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director, reviewed his budget request, solid waste fees, and personnel.

Angel Cushing presented the Commissioners with materials concerning the Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area Partnership. She reviewed the materials stating her opposition against the Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Partnership. Angel referenced Nebraska Governor Ricketts letter and highlighted her concerns about the NEPA. She then shared copies of the resolutions that had passed from the 21 counties in both states. James Nelson said most of the Kansas Congressional delegation had expressed strong opposition to the Biden Administration 30 by 30 and also the negative aspects of the KS-NE Heritage. Elaine Peters said she would like to see the Jewell County Commissioners pass the resolution. Others present for the discussion: Leanna Novak, Beth Salmans, and Jane Pahls.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, said they are working on tubes and hauling rock. Steve Greene said he received several compliments for work that Curt Slate has done. The Commissioners reported road and bridge concerns.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, said that Jeremy Luedke graduated from KLETC last Friday. Don attended continuing education class last week.

Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds, discussed office operations.

Mahlon McDill telephoned with his concerns about the heavy truck traffic on the cemetery road.

Carla Waugh provided the Resolution for continuation of the Rural Opportunity Zone program for 2021. Steve Greene moved, and Brent Beck seconded to approve Resolution 21-07 continuing ROZ program. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the May 17, 2021 County Commissioners meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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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