

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

June 24, 2024

The Jewell County Commissioners met June 24, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Keith Roe, Ed Duskie, and Brent Beck were present. Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk, and Myka Zadina were present for the meeting.

The minutes of the June 17, 2024, Commissioners meeting were approved.

The following were present for the office head meeting and provided an update for their department: Chris Petet, Custodian; Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Cindy Becker, Health Administrator; Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; James A. Vaughan IV, Solid Waste Director; Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director; Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk, Brenda Eakins, Treasurer, and Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator.

. Those absent: Scott Wright, County Attorney; Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, and Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director.

Don Jacobs said they have been working on achieving required service hours.

Cindy Becker said she has been working on grants. She discussed the dates for Commissioners training. Cindy provided a bid from Morgan Harris for basement repairs. Cindy said they received a \$5000 grant for fluoride treatments.

Kevin Peroutek, reported for the Noxious Weed Department that chemical sales are robust. They are spraying when weather is accommodating. Kevin said that the bind weed, and thistles are highly active this year and he will have the most warning letters to send out since he has been Director. He said that he continues to look for assistant at the Noxious Weed Department. Kevin said that he received a shipment of emergency responder guides, and he will provide them to the fire departments and EMS. He attended the monthly Regional Homeland Security meeting.

James Vaughan reported that KDHE inspected the landfill and found violations. He said they are cleaning up the area to get back in compliance. James discussed the HHW Certification Course that David Walton will attend. He discussed changes to gain entry into the landfill.

Shannon Meier said he continues to work with the Medicare revalidation and site assessment.

Chris Petet said he had a quote for the Sheriff's office door as it will not latch.

Amanda Davis said that everything is going well. She said the new desks for office are scheduled to be delivered and installed on Thursday of this week. Amanda said Fidler Technology will be here next week to discuss agreement.

Anna Porter said the values were certified to the County Clerk. They are working on recollecting 17% of the county for this year. She is interviewing for the open position in her office. .

Brenda Eakins said she has been busy getting caught up.

Carla Waugh said they have been busy certifying valuations and budget information to the Cities, Townships, Schools, Library Districts and to Property Valuation. The Legislator passed SB 1 during their special session on June 18th which changed the School General Exemption \$75,000. This resulted in recalculating valuations and recertifying to districts and Property Valuation Department.

Brent Beck said that Jewell County hosted the Multi-County meeting this month. Brent attended the Juvenile Detention Center Board meeting and will be attending the Hospital Board meeting. The Commissioners have been working on budgets and getting the dirt roads in line for harvest,

Ed Duskie said he had the LEPC Board meeting immediately following the Multi-County meeting. Ed said he has been working on road complaints for harvest.

Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds, provided a copy of Republic County's fees for online subscriptions and copies. She also provided a copy of the agreement with Fidar Technologies.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, discussed a quote for body and dash cams. The Commissioners requested he return to meeting later this morning.

Mechelle Caprez, DCCCA, discussed a grant the health department received to attend a conference in Montana. She stated the grant ends June 30th and grant money will need to be spent by then. Mechelle advised that it is best to use all the grant money that was given to you because it may affect how much you receive the following year. Abby Elkins provided handouts and information on the Health 365 Coalition. Cindy Becker was also present for the discussion.

Tony Miller, Executive Director NCK CASA, presented the 2025 Budget request of \$5,000, which is the same as 2024 Budget.

Commissioners reported road concerns to Joel Elkins, General Superintendent.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, and Scott Wright, County Attorney, discussed the use of body and dash cams. Don said the quote from Axon Enterprise Inc is a 5 year contract with yearly payments. Brent Beck moved to approve the quotes from Axon Enterprise for the body cams and dash cams for a total of \$108,826.10. Keith Roe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chris Petet, Custodian, discussed a quote from Bryan VanMeter to replace the entrance doors at the Sheriff's Office. The Commissioners requested that Chris get a second quote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Brent Beck, Member

Keith Roe, Chairman

Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

Ed Duskie, Vice-Chairman