

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 23, 2021

The Jewell County Commissioners met August 23, 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.

Wanda Backstrom, Chief Court Services Officer, had for the Commissioners' review and approval the Kansas Department of Corrections, Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Quarterly and Year End Outcome Report. Steve Greene moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion to approve and sign the FY21 Year End Report for Community Correction Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Cunningham, Cunningham Telephone, said they are seeking \$250,000 under Jewell County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to fund a \$454,300, 8-mile fiber broadband project designed to provide high-speed, reliable, and affordable broadband internet to approximately 173 residential households, businesses, and anchor institutions in unserved/underserved area(s) within Jewell County. To serve the greatest number of community members, Cunningham Telephone & Cable proposes the build of a fiber network that will consist of fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) to homes passed along the fiber mainline, serving state-of-the-art fiber internet to roughly 33 households. Fiber backbone technology will then be used to expand the reach of wireless internet to 140 NCKCN customers, with increased reliability and speed. NCKCN is a 501c3, non-profit and by using their wireless internet reach, we can benefit Jewell County with both higher speeds and new coverage areas.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, discussed hiring a full-time dispatcher and two deputies. Steve Greene moved to agree to waive the residential requirement for the law enforcement personnel. Keith Roe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Marihugh, Health Director, requested the Commissioners' approval for the County Health Officer Agreement. Steve Greene moved that the proper officers sign the County Health Officer Agreement with Dr. Walker. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Nancy also had the contract for the WIC Dietitian. Brent Beck moved to approve the Mitchell County Health Department contract for the WIC Dietitian. Steve Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed road concerns with Curt Slate, Road & Bridge Department. Steve Greene reported road concerns from Mark Stokes and Greg McMillan. Brent Beck moved and Keith Roe seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 9:46 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Curt Slate. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:51 a.m. with no action taken.

Chairman Roe opened the 2022 Budget Hearing at 10:04 a.m. for comments. There were no comments. Steve Greene moved to approve the 2022 County budget as published. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Beck moved to approve the report of the Fence Viewers and to file it with the Register of Deeds Office. Steve Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the August 16, 2021, County Commissioners meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Brent Beck, Member

Keith Roe, Chairman

Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

Steve Greene, Vice-Chairman