

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 26, 2024

The Jewell County Commissioners met August 26, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Keith Roe, Ed Duskie, and Brent Beck were present. Myka Zadina and Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk, were present for the meeting.

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

Kevin Peroutek reported for Emergency Management that they are working to update the mitigation plan, which is updated every 5 years. He said as part of the update they had a meeting with Webber to see if they want to participate in the plan. They will also meet with Formoso. Kevin said the Noxious Weed Regional meeting on November 14th will be co-hosted with Mitchell and Jewell County at the Beloit Vo-Tech.

Anna Porter said they are continuing to work on the 17% re-inspection. She reported that she has a new employee as well as a part-time person. She said the other offices have been helping out while they have been short staffed.

Nora Rhoades said that the Post Rock Extension District budget hearing is in September. She reported they had agent turnover this year. Nora said the Jewell County Fair Board's meeting is tonight.

Carla Waugh said she prepared the lawn service maintenance bids. Carla said the surplus furniture is listed for sale on Nex-Tech classifieds. She said the Clerk's Office completed the Election process for the primary and all reporting. They have begun the programming for the November General Election.

Brent Beck said he attended the Juvenile Detention Center meeting and will attend the Hospital Board meeting this week. He said he continues to look at roads in need of repair that had been reported to him.

Ed Duskie said he attended the JCDDA meeting last week. He responded to Lisa Goodheart, Fair Board, about their improvement project. He also continues to follow up on road concerns.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, reported they are working on four dirt road projects and hauling asphalt on Y Road. He said that Jeff and Bret worked some dirt roads in the southern part of the county. Joel said that they are starting a road project for Chris Bruning that has been on the list for quite some time. Brent discussed patching needed on 190 Road.

The minutes of August 19, 2024, were approved.

Jeff Byrnes, Eakes Managing Partner, discussed fax lines vs the E Gold Fax Solution for Government. He said it is a cloud based fax solution. It will eliminate the cost of the monthly fax line. He said the new system delivers the fax as a PDF to an email. Christian Pohlenz, Eakes Technology Services Manager, said they have a government grade plan for security purposes.

Carla Waugh looked in the official road record journal, to determine the official width of the road located on the east side of Section 22 of Washington Township. She said the road is 60 feet wide.

Chairman Roe opened the RNR Hearing for public comment on the 2025 Jewell County Budget. Bob Angleton wanted insight on how the budget process works. He also asked what he should expect in the coming years for tax rates. Brent Beck moved to pass Resolution 24-05 to exceed the RNR for the 2025 Jewell County Budget. Ed Duskie seconded the motion. Chairman Roe called for a roll call vote with Roe, Duskie, and Beck voting in favor of the motion and no one voting against the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Roe closed the RNR hearing and opened the 2025 Budget Hearing for public comment. Ed Duskie motioned to approve the 2025 Jewell County Budget as presented. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Roe closed the 2025 budget hearing at 10:26 a.m. Bob Angleton and John Ross were present for the RNR and budget hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Brent Beck, Member

Keith Roe, Chairman

Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

Ed Duskie, Vice-Chairman