

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 30, 2021

The Jewell County Commissioners met August 30, 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: Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds; Nancy Marihugh, Health Administrator; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; Alexandria Carabajal, County Attorney; Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator; and Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director. Those absent; Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director; Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director; Chris Petet, Custodian; Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; and Joel Elkins, General Superintendent.

Anna Porter said that data collection and entry is about 80% complete for the reinspection. They have been working with the program conversion.

Kevin Peroutek Weed – retreating some roads for bindweed; He attended the August Weed Director meeting in Simpson; EMP – He attended a disaster exercise in Salina; He reported that several projects have been submitted for ARPA funds approval; Kevin said Jewell County has submitted the first formal ARPA report.

Shannon Meier said August has been a busy month along with being short staffed. Shannon said the new building is complete and they will start working on the addition. He discussed ambulance repairs.

Nancy Marihugh reported 11 positive COVID-19 cases for August with 2 active cases. She said they have been providing testing for the Jewell County Hospital/Clinic, and Schools as well as providing vaccines. Nancy said that Dr. Walker, Medical Director, approved the 3rd COVID-19 dose. She discussed providing flu and COVID-19 vaccines at the Corn Show on October 9th. Nancy said she applied for a vaccine access grant. She met with the School District to discuss the testing plan. Nancy said she participated in the Mitchell County Health Foundation Virtual meeting. Nancy said that Pawnee Mental Health tested the telehealth equipment. She said that Julie McEntee's last day is Tuesday and Home Health is seeking applicants.

Alex Carabajal reviewed the monthly stats. She discussed issues with Pawnee Mental Health Services.

Carla Waugh said they are preparing for the November 2nd City/School Election. She has completed the required publications and set up through the vendor portal. Carla reported that her office sent out notices to those on the National Change of Address list. This list is provided by the Secretary of States Office and the United States Postal Service to aid in cleaning up mailing addresses and moves. She also submitted the certified report of registered voters to the Secretary of State. Carla said the office is preparing for hosting the North Central Kansas County Clerk's District meeting on September 16th.

Steve Greene said he attended the Juvenile Detention Center Meeting. Steve said they have received memos from the insurance company and wanted to remind everyone that when an employee leaves the building on non-county business they must clock out. He also stated that employees need to keep personal cell use to minimum.

Brent Beck said he and Keith Roe were Fence Viewers for a dispute. Brent stated the County Commissioners have created the new position of Road Supervisor for the Road & Bridge Department.

Keith Roe said he attended the NCRPC meeting. Keith invited everyone to the Open House for the Jewell County Highway Department's New Shop on September 16th from 8 to 10 a.m. This concluded office head meeting.

Steve Greene told Nancy Marihugh that they appreciated all the dedicated time and effort the Health Department has been providing. He said that he thought it was also important that they all have time off and that if they need to hire additional help that is understandable.

Matt Homelvig, and Beth McCain, Chief Disposal, had questions about the operations and licensing of the Recycle and Transfer Center. Matt discussed his trash service, and the need to provide service to Scandia and Courtland. He said he had visited with Travis Garst about the possibility of bringing the trash from Republic County (Scandia and Courtland) to Jewell County and he would be willing to pay a tonnage fee. The Commissioners said they would discuss this with Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director.

Brent Beck left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director, had the State Exchange lease purchase agreement for the 2022 Ford Medics Ambulance. Steve Greene moved that the proper officer's sign the lease agreement with the State Exchange Bank for \$95,000 for 72 months on the 2022 Ford Medics Ambulance. Keith Roe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pawnee Mental Health Services requested the Commissioners' approval on the Proclamation for September as Recovery Month. Steve Greene moved, and Keith Roe seconded the motion to sign the Proclamation for September as Recovery Month. Motion passed.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, had bids for a new motor grader.

Murphy Tractor	2020 JD 672G \$239,080 with trade in
	2021 JD 672G \$262,825 with trade in
	Ripper \$11,686

Foley Tractor	2022 Cat 140 \$259,497.37 with trade in (no ripper)
	2022 Cat 140 \$278,198.25 with ripper and trade in

Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor, was present for the bid opening. No action was taken on the bids so they can be reviewed.

Steve Greene moved the proper officer sign the new hire form for Drakeland Willitts, Bridge Laborer. Keith Roe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The minutes of the August 23, 2021, County Commissioners meeting were approved.

Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator and Laura Leite, Grant Consultant, discussed the Cunningham Telephone & Cable proposal requesting ARPA funding. They also discussed other requests for ARPA funding including Republic County Rural Water District.

Steve Greene moved to approve the revised employment rules and regulations for the Jewell County Highway Department (Road & Bridge). Keith Roe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Brent Beck, Member

Keith Roe, Chairman

Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

Steve Greene, Vice-Chairman