

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

September 7, 2021

The Jewell County Commissioners met September 7, 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.

Sara Grout, President of Mankato City Library Board, said they are working to expand the library. She said one initiative is a story walk, which is an outdoor book. Sara explained how the story walk would be set up and provided pictures of the displays for each stop. She requested permission to use part of courthouse lawn for the story walk. The Commissioners said they would like to have some rocks around the post. Keith Roe moved to allow the Mankato City Library Board to use the courthouse lawn on the south and west sides as a story walk. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director, discussed the new vendor he is using for the recycling program. He reported that the bulldozer has been in the shop for three weeks. Travis also reviewed the monthly activity report for June and July. The Commissioners discussed Matt Homelvig's request to bring Republic County's solid waste to Jewell County.

Nancy Marihugh, Health Administrator, provided a Covid-19 update. The Health Department is following KDHE protocol, these rules are State guidelines.

The minutes of the August 30, 2021, County Commissioners meeting were approved.

Trevor Elkins said they have had inquiries from other counties for quotes on building, vehicle, and liability insurance. He asked if Jewell County would be interested in receiving a bid. The Commissioners said they would check into it.

The Commissioners received a letter from David Harper, Director of Property Valuation, stating that the Jewell County Appraiser has met the statistical performance standards established for both the commercial/industrial and residential classes of property.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, reviewed the bids from last week. He said he preferred to purchase the 2022 Cat 140 without a ripper for \$259,497.37.

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, and Michael Long, Murphy Tractor were present for the bid discussion.

Steve Greene moved to purchase from Foley Tractor the 2022 Cat 140 AWD without ripper and with trade in for \$259,497.37. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Elkins discussed personnel. He said he is preparing the Local Road Safety Plan to be submitted to the State.

Steve Greene moved that proper officer sign the employment agreements with Jeff Cheek, Bridge Supervisor and Curtis Slate, Road Supervisor. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, said he did some research on K-9 units. He found a company in Tulsa that will provide a drug dog with training.

Steve Greene moved, and Brent Beck seconded to appoint Brent Beck as voting delegate, Steve Greene as 1st alternate voting delegate and Keith Roe as 2nd alternate voting delegate for Kansas Association of Counties, KCAMP and KWORCC. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Brent Beck, Member

Keith Roe, Chairman

Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

Steve Greene, Vice-Chairman