

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

October 30, 2023

The Jewell County Commissioners met October 30, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Keith Roe, and Ed Duskie were present. MacKinzie Kohler, Deputy County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

The following were present for the office head meeting and provided an update for their department: Chris Petet, Custodian; Don Jacobs, Sheriff; MacKinzie Kohler, Deputy County Clerk; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; PJ Garst, Solid Waste Director; and Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator. Those absent: Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds; Joel Elkins, General Superintendent; Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director; Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director; and Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director; Alexandria Pierce, County Attorney; Cindy Becker, Health Administrator.

Pj Garst reported that he got new shirts, sweatshirts, and boots for employees. He would like to consider selling the White Dodge pickup, 73 Chevy pickup, and sell or fix the old forklift. The commissioners asked that he get a list of what exactly he would like to sell and bring it to next meeting as there is a proper way to sell county property. PJ and the Commissioners discussed why there is definitely need for a ¾ ton pickup for towing trailers. Ed Duskie reported to PJ that he got a call about a piece of loose tin on the solid waste building.

Chris Petet reported that the boilers have been checked and are ready to use.

Anna Porter reported that they have been working on values for land and have a few parcels to collect.

Don Jacobs reported that he talked to the school board and teachers. There is a new take back prescription drugs box in his office. They will be taking sealed bids for their 2015 Chevy truck. and burr oak fire meeting to provide new burn ban resolutions.

Kevin Peroutek reported for EMP that he attended the LEPC meeting this past month and encouraged the commissioners to attend. He has been attending Fire Department Meetings and the KEMA meeting. Kevin and Sheriff Don Jacobs attended an Active shooter presentation by Trooper Ben in Abilene. Kevin reported for Noxious Weed that the monthly Weed Directors meeting will be at the Buffalo Roam on November 16th at 10am. There will be a presentation by Scott Denver, a new representative for Van Diest.

Keith Roe said he attended the Regional Solid Waste Committee meeting with PJ Garst and went to the regional planning meeting.

Brent Beck reported that the commissioners have been working on health insurance to get the best possible plan for employees while still leaving room for necessary pay increases in the future. Employees should not see any significant changes with the new plan. He said that there will be reps from Freedom Claims at Jewell County on November 15th to present and answer questions about the new supplemental insurance plan. They will meet at the courthouse at 10 a.m. in the meeting room, and at the Road and Bridge office at 1 p.m.

PJ Garst requested permission to sign the insurance estimate to repair the roof damage at solid waste.

The commissioners discussed the 2024 calendar.

The minutes of the October 23, 2023, County Commissioners meeting was approved.

Ed Duskie moved, and Keith Roe seconded to approve and sign Resolution 23-07; Resolution to approve participation in and adoption of the Solid Waste Management Committee Update for the Region served by the North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent discussed road and bridge maintenance. Ed Duskie and Brent Beck told Joel about road concerns and some complaints they have received.

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

Ed Duskie, Member

Brent Beck, Chairman

MacKinzie Kohler, Deputy County Clerk

Keith Roe, Vice-Chairman