

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

October 31, 2022

The Jewell County Commissioners met October 31, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Steve Greene, Brent Beck, and Keith Roe were present. Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk was present for the meeting.

The minutes of October 24, 2022, County Commissioners meeting was approved.

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

Kevin Peroutek said the Noxious Weed Annual Weed Director meeting is November 10th at the Buffalo Roam. He reported for Emergency Preparedness that he attended the Homeland Security Council Meeting where they discussed the Ever Bridge mass communication system. He said the LEPC meeting was October 18th with a quorum.

Don Jacobs said he attended the Homeland Security Council Meeting and the LEPC meeting. He reported that the K-9 Dog is certified. Don said he attended the school board meeting, and the active shooter meeting at the hospital. He provided the monthly stats. Don said he is interviewing for a new deputy this week.

Anna Porter reported that they are almost done with data collection. She said she has started working on the sales study for this year and values will go up again on residential.

Shannon Meier said he attended the LEPC meeting, the Active Shooter Webinar, and the Region 4 meeting in Salina.

Cindy Becker said she attended the LEPC meeting and has been collaborating with the school nurse on vaccinations. She said they have been painting at the office. Cindy said they will be open late Thursday of this week for vaccines and flu shot clinic.

Rex Boley, USD 107 Superintendent, thanked everyone for their support of the local school system.

Carla Waugh reminded everyone of payroll this week. She said that she received the levies from the other counties and was able to work on the tax checklist and spool the tax statements for the Treasurer to print. Carla said then she has abstract reports due by November 15th. She said that currently have had 135 mail ballots and 42 vote in office with November 1st last day to request a mail ballot. In office voting continues until noon on Monday, August 7th. She reported tomorrow is the test run for election night reporting and election board worker training with Thursday being the Public Test of the voting equipment. Carla said next Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day, with the Post-Election audit on Thursday, November 10th and Canvass on November 15th and the final public test on November 16th. Carla said she also attended the LEPC meeting.

Alex Pierce reported 159 filed traffic cases, 6 juvenile cases, 29 criminal cases. She said that Judge Cudney has sent out audit letters to each county.

Keith Roe said he attended the Regional Planning meeting last Thursday. He discussed the long-range planning meeting at the school. Keith advised that the Commissioners discussed pay increases in 2023 and the health insurance premium increased 21.5 %.

Brent Beck said he attended the October Juvenile Justice Authority meeting.

Steve Greene said he attended the Hospital Board meeting. He discussed the two constitutional amendment questions on the ballot. This concluded office head meeting.

Alex Pierce, County Attorney, discussed the status of the tax sale, said they have been compiling all information on each tax record and are getting ready for publication.

Rex Boley, USD 107 Superintendent, said he plans to attend City of Mankato board meeting to discuss the entrance at the high school.

Keith Roe moved, and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes beginning at 9:25 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of employee evaluations. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:40 a.m. with no action taken.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, discussed maintenance projects for bridges and roads. Joel reported that the bridge construction complete on the Republic County line and the bridge is open. He said that Nate Blair returned to work for Jewell County.

Bill Gonzalez, BG-54 LLC, discussed culverts and bridges materials with the Commissioners and Joel Elkins.

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

Keith Roe, Member

Steve Greene, Chairman

Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman