

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

November 25, 2019

The Jewell County Commissioners met November 25, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners, Steve Greene, Keith Roe and Mark Fleming present. Carla J Waugh, County Clerk was present for the meeting.

The minutes of the November 18, 2019 County Commissioners meeting were approved.

The following were present for office head meeting: Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director; Chris Petet, Custodian; Amanda Davis, Deputy Register of Deeds; Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator; Nancy Marihugh, Health Administrator; Marilou Becker, Deputy County Appraiser and Carla J Waugh, County Clerk. Those absent: Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director; and Joel Elkins, General Superintendent.

Nancy Marihugh reported they have provided a total of 400 flu shots. She said they have provided hearing and vision screenings for the school district. Nancy said she completed the WIC Nutrition Service Plan. She attended the LEPC meeting, Regional Public Health meeting, Opioid Conference and the Ice Storm table top workshop. Nancy said the enrollment assistance provided by Josi Carter was successful in helping several Jewell County residents.

Kevin Peroutek said that he also attended the LEPC meeting and the Ice Storm table top workshop. Jewell County was the host county for the LEOP Regional Workshop. Kevin said that Jewell County was also the host county for the North Central District Noxious Weed Directors meeting. He said the spraying is completed and the spray pickup is winterized.

Chris Petet reported concerns with the condition of the front steps.

Amanda Davis said she is preparing for Anna Morgan's retirement reception on Friday, January 10th. Amanda said in reference to the suggestion of combining the full-time Deputy Register of Deeds with the part-time Appraiser's Data Collector that she believes after contacting quite a few other County Register of Deeds that the full-time Deputy Register of Deeds is the best practice for Jewell County and plans to proceed with a full-time Deputy.

Christina Jeffery said she was here in support of maintaining a full-time deputy in the Register of Deeds, as she believes a shared position is not beneficial.

Houston Becker said she does not support replacing a full-time Deputy in the Register of Deeds with the proposed shared position. She believes this would present a different set of a challenges between the two departments that would need to share the employee and would not be beneficial to Amanda as she takes on her new position.

Lora Ost said the Deputy in the Register of Deeds and the Data Collector would need to be two different types of people; the Data Collector will encounter more conflict with the public versus the Deputy Register of Deeds. If the office of Register of Deeds had to close because of lack of personnel it would be a disservice to our taxpayers that needed to use the office.

Marilou Becker said she agrees that the shared position would not be beneficial. Marilou reported on other matters for the Appraiser's Office. She said they are mailing the 2020 personal property renditions that are due back in the Appraiser's Office by March 15, 2020. They have been answering general questions concerning tax statements.

Shannon Meier said the Medicare cost share reporting is being implemented for some reporting agencies. He received a notice from the FDA that certain model defibrillators will be off the market after 2021 and will need to be replaced.

Brenda Eakins said they have been busy with tax collections. She also shared her past experiences of being a shared employee between the Treasurer's office and Clerk's office and the many challenges she faced while in that position.

Carla Waugh said she agreed with the others that it was not in the best interest of the County to combine the position of Deputy Register of Deeds and part-time Data Collector.

Mark Fleming said he attended the North Central Planning meeting.

Keith Roe said he attended the KAC meeting in Wichita.

Steve Greene said he attended the Detention Center Board meeting, Jewell County Hospital Board meeting, North Central District Noxious Weed Directors meeting, the Economic Development meeting, LEPC meeting and the Board of Canvassers meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed the abatements and added statements. Mark Fleming moved to approve abatement numbers 2381 through 2391. Keith Roe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, joined the meeting. Joel had the application/permit for the septic system at the new building. Joel discussed the quote for installing radio equipment at the new building. Steve Greene moved that the proper officer sign the wastewater disposal system application/permit. Mark Fleming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Darrell Miller, County Attorney, reviewed the draft copy of the new Jewell County Handbook. The County Clerk's Office will make the updates and provide a copy for each department head to review before the Commissioners approve the handbook.

Keith Roe moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to discuss wages beginning at 11:11 a.m. Mark Fleming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 11:21 a.m. with no action taken.

Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director, discussed purchasing the Access EMS1 program that provides continuing education courses.

Keith Roe moved and Mark Fleming seconded to go into executive session at 11:28 AM for 5 minutes with Shannon Meier for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 11:32 AM with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Keith Roe, Member

Steve Greene, Chairman

Carla J Waugh, County Clerk

Mark Fleming, Member