

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

November 28, 2022

The Jewell County Commissioners met November 28, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Steve Greene and Brent Beck, were present. Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk was present for the meeting along with Ed Duskie, Commissioner Elect.

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; Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator; and Cindy Becker, Health Administrator. Those absent: Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director; Joel Elkins, General Superintendent; Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director; Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds.

Shannon Meier reported that the new ambulance is in service. He said the CMS will start the data collection for 2023.

Chris Petet said he is working to get the boilers certified.

Alex Pierce reported two new juvenile cases, 1 felony off grid, 1 felony arrest over the weekend, and 175 traffic cases. She said they had a hearing for a parental rights termination.

Kevin Peroutek reported for the Weed Department that Jewell County hosted the Regional Director's meeting. He also discussed increased chemical prices. Kevin reported for the Emergency Preparedness that he attended the Regional Homeland Security Council meeting. He discussed attending the training for the mass communication system, Ever Bridge.

Cindy Becker said she applied for a building permit for a storage building at the Health Department property. She said the COVID-19 testing program will continue until March of 2023. She said they have been providing vaccinations.

Anna Porter said she had a payment under protest hearing. The Appraiser's Office is working on the 2023 tax cycle.

Carla Waugh discussed the timing of submitting vouchers to be paid. She requested that each department submit their vouchers by noon on Thursday with the understanding there may be a few more to be added. She also stated to only pay from the statement, to reduce double payments. She said that this week is payroll.

Keith Roe said he has had some taxpayers make comments about the increased property taxes.

Brent Beck said the Commissioners have been working on employee evaluations. He also stated that Anthony Wyatt donated \$30,000 to Jewell County.

Steve Greene said he attended the Economic Development meeting, Detention Center meeting and the Hospital Board meeting. He discussed employees receiving a gift card in lieu of a Christmas meal. Steve said that some employees had asked about a raise and the Commissioners understand the higher cost of living, but the health insurance increased, and the budget was set in June.

Alex Pierce, County Attorney, discussed her concerns with delays from the Juvenile Detention Center.

The minutes of November 21, 2022, County Commissioners meeting was approved.

Brent Beck moved, and Keith Roe seconded to approve abatement numbers 2514 through 2517. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, discussed maintenance.

Steve Greene moved that the Commissioners meet every Monday except for Holidays in which case they shall meet on Tuesday of that week. Motion died for lack of a second.

Ed Duskie left the meeting.

Brent Beck moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 10:07 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of reviewing employee evaluation with Anna Porter. Steve Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 10:12 a.m. with no action taken.

Steve Greene moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 10:15 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of reviewing employee evaluation with Chris Petet. Brent Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 10:20 a.m. with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Keith Roe, Member

Steve Greene, Chairman

Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman