

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

November 29, 2021

The Jewell County Commissioners met November 29, 2021, at 8:30a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Steve Greene and Keith Roe were present. Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk was present for the meeting.

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

Anna Porter said they are waiting for the payment under protest. She is working on values for next year.

Cindy Becker reported that currently Jewell County has fifty-four active Covid-19 currently with fourteen new cases in the pasted week. She said that EMS is continuing to do the COVID testing. Cindy said the Health Department will have a mass vaccine clinic on December 1st with EMS assistance. She said she hired someone for the part-time WIC position. Cindy discussed selling the Jeep.

Kevin Peroutek reported for the Noxious Weed – Jewell County sponsored the district meeting this month. He said the next district meeting is at Minneapolis. Kevin said they have completed spraying for the year. He reported for Emergency Preparedness – He has continued to join in the daily web meeting with the other emergency managers. Kevin said they had a table top disaster exercise at Abilene. He said a Regional Homeland Security meeting is tomorrow at Beloit. Kevin said they have been using the message board to provide vaccine awareness.

Alex Carabajal provided stats for October and November for services provided. She reported that she attended a continuing education seminar. Alex discussed the diversion funds. Alex explained the process for “Children in need of care” cases.

Carla Waugh said that since the tax statements were mailed her office has received several inquiries about solid waste fees, intangible tax, and the homestead refund process. She said that December is open enrollment month for BCBS of Kansas and a notice will be with payroll this week.

Steve Greene said he attended Detention Center Meeting.

Brent Beck said the Commissioners meet to canvass the November 2 Election and have been working on contracted employee evaluations.

Keith Roe said he is serving on the NCRPC committee to replace the executive director for the planning commission. This concluded office head meeting.

Keith Roe moved and Steve Greene seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 9:02 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose to review an evaluation with Anna Porter present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:07 a.m. with Anna Porter signing her evaluation.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, had the agreement for the bridge project on the Republic county line. Brent Beck moved to approve the bid of L&M Contractors Inc. on Project Number 045 C-4949-01. (3 miles E & 2.5 miles S of Formoso). Steve Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel reviewed the bid from PEC for the bridge inspection. Steve Greene moved to approve the bid from Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC) for the bridge inspection contract for 148 bridges at \$350 each for

a total project fee of \$51,800. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Commissioners reported road concerns to Joel Elkins. Joel said the new motor grader is scheduled to be delivered today.

Keith Roe moved and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes beginning at 9:28 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose to review an evaluation with Joel Elkins present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:38 a.m. with Joel Elkins signing his evaluation.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, had the contract for the inmate phone from Combined Public Communications, LLC.

Steve Greene moved that the proper officer sign the Inmate Phone contract with Combined Public Communications, LLC. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Greene moved, and Brent Beck seconded to approve abatement numbers 2458 through 2461. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the November 22, 2021, County Commissioners meeting were approved.

Keith Roe moved, and Steve Greene seconded the motion to appoint Carla Waugh as the voting delegate for the KAC Special Election on January 5, 2022, with Brent Beck as first alternate voting delegate and Keith Roe as second alternate voting delegate. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Roe moved and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes beginning at 10:10 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose to review an evaluation with Chris Petet present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 10:20 a.m. with Chris Petet signing his evaluation.

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

Brent Beck, Member

Keith Roe, Chairman

Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

Steve Greene, Vice-Chairman