

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

December 4, 2023

The Jewell County Commissioners met December 4, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Keith Roe, and Ed Duskie were present. Carla Waugh, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director, reviewed the monthly activity report and billing report for November. He discussed billing and allowed charges. Shannon also discussed purchasing equipment with memorial funds.

Cindy Becker, Health Administrator, discussed the Public Health Infrastructure /Workforce Development for Health Departments grant that she applied for and received in the amount of \$60,724.73. The grant funds must be expended by November 30, 2027, and it provides for hiring key positions for temporary staff, and training for current staff. Cindy also applied for a \$5,000 grant and received it from the Jewell County Community Foundation. She plans to use the funds for the Kan Be Healthy Program. She needs to update the eye equipment for this program.

Eldon Dustan expressed his concerns about the worker's compensation process using of personal leave for doctor's visits. He would appreciate consideration providing leave when attending doctor's appointments for worker's comp claims.

Chris Petet, Custodian, said a boiler is down for repairs.

Ed Duskie moved, and Keith Roe seconded to approve abatement numbers 2562 through 2564. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Roe moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to sign the Freedom Claims Administrative Agreement for 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, had the bridge inspection agreement with P.E.C. for a total of \$64,610.00 (455 per bridge). Brent Beck moved to sign the agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC) to perform the bridge inspection for a total cost of \$64,610.00. Keith Roe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Commissioners discussed road concerns.

Shannon Rothchild, Nex-Tech, discussed cyber services that they provide. Justin Dempsey also discussed network scans and awareness training for the employees. He also discussed the end point detection response and data breach threats. They discussed options for protecting Jewell County computer systems. Shannon Rothchild will work with the County Clerk to get a total count for a quote. Jesse Roth of Nex-Tech was also present for the discussion.

The minutes of the November 27, 2023, Commissioners meeting was approved.

Keith Roe moved, and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel beginning at 10:40 a.m. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 10:45 a.m. with no action taken.

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

Ed Duskie, Member

Brent Beck, Chairman

Carla Waugh, County Clerk

Keith Roe, Vice-Chairman