

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

December 11, 2023

The Jewell County Commissioners met December 11, 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.

LaVernia Peters, Mayor of Formoso and Mark Stenson, Council Member, discussed the 2024 RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) discretionary grant program notice of funding opportunity for \$1.5 billion available in grant funding.

Carla Waugh discussed the KS Secretary of State security grant and the TextMyGov proposal.

Brent Beck moved, and Keith Roe seconded to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes beginning at 8:47 a.m. for the purpose of employee evaluation. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 8:57 a.m. with no action taken.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes beginning at 9:12 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel to review an employee evaluation with Chris Petet. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:17 a.m. with no action taken.

Keith Roe moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the employment contracts for 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Keith Roe seconded to approve abatement numbers 2565 through 2568. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the December 4, 2023, Commissioners meeting were approved.

The Commissioners discussed the RAISE grant with Joel Elkins, General Superintendent that the City of Formoso discussed earlier. The Commissioners also discussed road concerns. Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment had a quote for Asphalt Paving Compaction machines which were formerly rental fleet. He had quotes for a 2016 CAT CW16 Asphalt Paving Compaction machine of \$77,800.00 and a 2020 CAT CW16 Asphalt Paving Compaction machine of \$83,337.50. The Commissioners asked several questions about the two asphalt pavers. Brent Beck moved, and Keith Roe seconded to purchase the 2016 Cat CW16 Asphalt Paving Compaction machine for \$77,800.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Roe moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 9:53 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel to review employee evaluation with Joel Elkins. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:58 a.m. with Joel Elkins signing his evaluation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The Commissioners and County Clerk left to attend the Multi-County meeting hosted by Osborne County. Mitchell and Smith Counties were also present for the meeting. Phil Murrow, Sanitarian, discussed forming a board with each county appointing one commissioners to serve on the board. The Board will meet two times per year. Phil said the application in Republic County was completed. Mitchell County discussed the increase in health insurance premiums and alternative options. Smith and Osborne County are working with Freedom Claims with Jewell County joining them in 2024. The group also discussed solid waste disposal costs of hauling and user fees. Smith County said they were working on merit based pay. The next meeting will be hosted by Smith County with date and location to be announced.

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Ed Duskie, Member

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Brent Beck, Chairman

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Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

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Keith Roe, Vice-Chairman