

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

December 26, 2023

The Jewell County Commissioners met December 26, 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.

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

Chairman Beck wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chris Petet reported on the boiler repairs.

Don Jacobs had a quote for two vests for the officers. He said they are advertising for a part-time dispatcher. Don said one deputy will be attending the Law Enforcement Academy in January. He also provided the December 2023 Statistics report.

Kevin Peroutek said he has been working on year-end reports. He said the Weed Department has had a few chemical sales, with chemical prices decreasing. He has continued to do some spraying. Kevin reported that he attended the Weed Director's meeting last week. He plans to attend the Weed Conference in February. He reported for the Emergency Preparedness that a meeting with the Fire Chiefs and Responders is planned for February. Kevin said he is wrapping up the LEPC reporting. Kevin said the LEPC Committee is modifying the by-laws for quorum requirements. Kevin said that Trooper Ben provided an active shooter presentation at the last LEPC meeting.

Carla Waugh reminded the departments to complete their inventory listings and to provide a copy of each employee's driver's license. She said the Clerk's Office is providing calendars with due dates and pay dates for bills and payroll to the departments. Carla said this week is payroll and will be closing out the books for the year. She said that the first election for 2024 is March 19th for the Presidential Preference Primary. This election has some different rules and deadlines compared to the other elections. Carla also reminded everyone starting January 1, 2024, they must present two medical cards.

Cindy Becker said she has been working on grant reporting. The department has been providing vaccines.

Keith Roe said he attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting and JCCDA meeting.

Ed Duskie said he attended the KAC annual meeting, KS wildlife meeting, and the Multi-County meeting. He also has had road complaints.

Chairman Beck recognized the following employees for their continuous years of service achieved during 2023: Amber Harding, Matthew Cody Volker, Amanda Davis, Gregory Manning, and Chelsea Dunn all with 10 years of service. Brent Beck said the Commissioners have been working on employee evaluations. He attended the Hospital Board meeting, the Juvenile Detention Center Board meeting, and the Multi-County meeting. He also has had road complaints.

The Commissioners reviewed the quote for the two vests for the Sheriff's Department, from GT Distributors Inc. Keith Roe moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the purchase of two SBA MR02 Level II Ballistic Vests for a total of \$1969.50 from GT Distributors, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Roe moved, and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of employee evaluations for 10 minutes beginning at 8:50 a.m. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:00 a.m. with no action taken.

Keith Roe moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 9:02 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of employee evaluation with Cindy Becker present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:07 a.m. with no action taken.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, discussed personnel hiring to fill open positions.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 9:28 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of employee evaluation with Kevin Peroutek present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:32 a.m. with no action taken.

Ed Duskie moved, and Keith Roe seconded to approve abatement numbers 2573 through 2576. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Keith Roe seconded the motion that the unused money in the 2023 Jewell County Ambulance Budget be transferred into the 2024 Jewell County Ambulance Capital Outlay Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Roe moved, and Ed Duskie seconded the motion that the unused money in the 2023 Jewell County Noxious Weed Budget be transferred into the 2024 Jewell County Noxious Weed Capital Outlay Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded the motion that the unused money in the 2023 Jewell County Road & Bridge Budget be transferred into the 2024 Special Road Equipment Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion that the unused money in the 2023 Jewell County Public Health Budget be transferred into the 2024 Jewell County Public Health Capital Outlay Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 9:41 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of employee evaluation with Shannon Meier present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:46 a.m. with no action taken.

Ed Duskie moved, Keith and seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 9:50 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of employee evaluation with Anna Porter present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:55 a.m. with no action taken.

The minutes of the December 18, 2023, Commissioners meeting were approved.

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

Ed Duskie, Member

Brent Beck, Chairman

Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

Keith Roe, Vice-Chairman