COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS April 7th, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met on April 7th, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Ed Duskie, Brent Beck and Ervin Underwood were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present at the meeting.

Tony Miller, Executive Director with NCK CASA and Child Advocacy Center, was present to inform the commissioners that April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Ed Duskie moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to proclaim April 2025 Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion passed unanimously.

David Walton was present to discuss the Solid Waste facility. The commissioners gave him a service ticket for items needed on the track loader. They also discussed permits for digging the new C&D pit and having Lochner come out to have it flagged.

Vincent Urbaniak presented a grant application for the Education Incentive Grant Program and Ed Duskie signed it. Vincent also presented the activity reports for the month of March.

Ed Duskie moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to go into an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss data relating to financial affairs starting at 9:00 a.m. with regular session resuming at 9:05 a.m. Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve the 2024 quarterly write off report. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Elkins stated they will be done at the landfill this week and they will be starting dirt projects north of Esbon. Ed Duskie asked if they could knock down some trees that need to be cleared for the new C&D pit. The commissioners discussed the service ticket for the Solid Waste track loader and were wondering if it could be put on the same service schedule as the Road and Bridge Department. Joel stated they are going to take the track loader to the Road and Bridge shop to get it cleaned up and then have CAT come inspect it. The commissioners stated they are very grateful for the work the road and bridge department has done at the landfill.

Tanya Paul with DVACK was present to inform the commissioners that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Brent beck moved and Ervin Underwood seconded to proclaim April 2025 Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Motion passed unanimously. Tanya also stated that April 30th is denim day.

The commissioners reviewed three applications for the Solid Waste Director position.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into an executive session for 10 minutes starting at 9:55 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion passed unanimously with regular session resuming at 10:05 a.m. and Brent Beck moving to hire David Walton as the Jewell County Solid Waste Director effective immediately. Ervin Underwood seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Underwood moved, and Brent Beck seconded to go into an executive session for 10 minutes starting at 10:09 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Cindy Becker and Myka Zadina present. Motion passed unanimously with regular session resuming at 10:19 a.m. with no action taken.

Brent beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to accept the bid from Saathoff Construction LLC for \$24,500.00 to replace the courthouse stairs. Motion passed unanimously.

The commissioners signed the 2025 farm lease agreement between Jewell County, Kansas as Landlord and Roy Montgomery, as Tenant.

The Commissioners signed bill pay vouchers and checks.

Ervin Underwood moved, and Brent Beck seconded to approve the March 31st, 2025 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39am.

Ervin Underwood, Member

Myka Zadina, County Clerk

Ed Duskje, Chairman

Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman