

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

December 30, 2024

The Jewell County Commissioners met on December 30, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Keith Roe, Brent Beck and Ed Duskie were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk elect, Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk was present at the meeting. Ervin Underwood, County Commissioner elect, was also present.

Jesse Feldman left a bid for digging a new C&D pit at the Jewell County Landfill.

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

Anna Porter said the personal property listings were sent out last Friday with a letter explaining the changes from the legislators. She said the penalty rates have been reduced. Anna said the Legislature also changed the requirements for filing the personal property sheet, once you file and sign you won't have to sign each year thereafter, only if report changes.

Kevin Peroutek reported that he has been working with inventory of chemicals. He reported that the spray pump needed to be replaced. Kevin discussed reporting for the Emergency Management Department.

Chris Petet reported that the chemical pump was installed on the boiler.

Carla Waugh reminded the departments to complete their inventory listings, employee evaluations and to provide a copy of each employee's driver's license to the County Clerk's Office.

Shannon Meier reported a slow month, and that they received most of the equipment received from the grant.

Brent Beck said he attended the Hospital Board Meeting. Brent thanked Keith Roe and Carla Waugh for the years he has worked with them.

Ed Duskie said he attended the JCCA meeting and the Golden Years meeting. He also attended the multi-county meeting in Alton, Ks that was hosted by Osborne County. He said it was a very good meeting with topics that he has tried to get Jewell County to do. It was refreshing to hear other counties doing it and working very well. Ed said he has been checking out road complaints, lots of roads need some work on them. Ed wished everyone a prosperous and Happy New Year. He said he is looking forward to welcoming our new Commissioner Elect, Ervin Underwood and working with him on things such as the direction our county needs to take in efficiency, productivity, work ethic, pay increase by merit, and keeping the bylaws of the county handbook updated.

Chairman Roe recognized the following employees for their continuous years of service achieved during 2024: for 5 years – Brett Ernst, Bonnie Kohn and Kevin Peroutek; 10 years - Julie Bourbon and Jeff Cheek; 15 years – Chris Petet and Kenneth Standley; 20 years – Gene Thomas and James Vaughan; 30 years - Joel Elkins, Shannon Meier and Debra Murray

Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director, requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session beginning at 8:51 a.m. for 5 minutes with Shannon Meier present. Motion passed. Regular session resumed at 8:56 a.m. with Commissioner Beck directing the County Clerk's Office to place an advertisement for the Ambulance Director's position.

Eric Bourbon, Bourbon Trucking, discussed hauling Jewell County's trash trailer to Hamm Landfill, Perry, Ks. He discussed liability insurance requirements and trailer maintenance.

Keith Roe moved, and Brent Beck seconded to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Solid Waste Fund with the amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded to sign the amended 2024 employment agreement for the Ambulance Director. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Wright provided the end of year number of cases for the following: traffic - 265; criminal - 27; child in need - 6; juvenile - 1; care of need of treatment - 2; miscellaneous - 8; Fish & Game - 15. Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session beginning at 9:11 a.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with Scott Wright present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:16 a.m. with no action taken.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion that the unused money in the 2024 Jewell County Ambulance Budget be transferred into the 2025 Jewell County Ambulance 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 2024 Jewell County Noxious Weed Budget be transferred into the 2025 Jewell County Noxious Weed Capital Outlay Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Roe moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion that the unused money in the 2024 Jewell County Road & Bridge Budget be transferred into the 2025 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 2024 Jewell County Public Health Budget be transferred into the 2025 Jewell County Public Health Capital Outlay Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded that the unused money in the 2024 Jewell County Appraiser's Fund be transferred into the 2025 Appraiser's Capital Outlay Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the December 23, 2024, meeting were approved.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into executive session beginning at 9:25 a.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:35 a.m. with Brent Beck moving and Keith Roe seconded the motion to give a 3% increase to Department Heads and Elected Officials with the exception of the Sheriff being 1% increase and the Commissioners no change in pay. Motion passed with Beck and Roe in favor of the motion and Duskie against the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.



Brent Beck, Member

Keith Roe, Chairman

Carla J Waugh, County Clerk



Ed Duskie, Vice-Chairman