

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 28th, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met on July 28th, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Ed Duskie and Brent Beck were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present at the meeting.

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

Vincent Urbaniak, Ambulance Director, stated they have had a busy summer and have had standbys at the Threshing Bee and rodeo. He also stated that next month he will be attending a state billing workshop in Manhattan.

Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension Director, stated they just completed the last of five fairs, and the fair board meets this evening to start debriefing this year's fair and start planning next year. She also stated they have been working on the budget and will be having an RNR hearing. She also discussed that Federal money is being cut for the Post Rock District which has caused a position to be lost so they will be having a strategic planning meeting to decide how to approach losing that employee.

Kevin Peroutek, Emergency Preparedness Director, stated that last week he attended the homeland security meeting, and they went and looked at the log jam in Salina.

Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, stated they are trying to get one load of spray out every morning when it is not raining for bindweed and thistles. David Gagne has been marking spots for Johnson Grass. He also stated that he and David Gagne will be attending a summer conference for a couple days in Newton and the hours will go towards their certification for continuing ed.

David Walton, Solid Waste Director, stated he received his CLP and will start his driving classes September 8th to receive his CDL. He also stated he has been working on the C&D pit, and it is looking a lot better, and he plans to burn the burn pit this week. They are also concentrating on the staging area and will be able to get some recycling out.

Cindy Becker, Health Administrator, is working on finishing up grants for this quarter. She stated that the Health Department donated a sunscreen station to the Mankato City Pool. She also stated that they have had two Pawnee Mental Health telehealth sessions. The Health Department will also have a booth set up at the back-to-school event July 29th. Jenny Scarrow has also resubmitted 90 claims that were originally denied.

Anna Porter, County Appraiser, stated they are finishing supplements and that Carla Waugh helped out in the office this past week. She also stated they are working on changes to the 2025 tax roll so tax statements will be correct.

Myka Zadina, County Clerk, stated that bill pay is this week and her office is working on getting the last couple budgets for townships completed. She also stated she has been working on preparing RNR notices and starting prep for the November Election.

Brent Beck stated they have been working on budgets for most of June and July. He also stated the commissioner Reappointed Kendall Nelson and Steve Green to the Hospital Board. They have also been speaking with Joel Elkins about washed out tubes.

Ed Duskie stated they have been working on budgets. He also attended the Senior Citizen meeting last week and will be attending the North Central Regional Planning meeting July 31st in Concordia. He also has been looking into road complaints. Ed Duskie also reviewed the county's Facebook policy.

Ervin Underwood sent an email stating he attended the Juvenile/corrections advisory board meeting.

Cindy Becker gave a handout regarding an update for the Health Department billing and stated Jenny Scarrow was able to get money for 45 claims that were previously written off and she is still working on 23 other claims. She also stated they have started mailing out statements twice a month now and have been updating CPT and diagnoses codes. She also stated they received the All-Hands-on Deck grant until 2026 and also received the Kansas Suicide Prevention grant. The Health Department will also start doing KanBe Healthy visits.

Joel Elkins discussed road concerns and stated Brett Ernst and Jeff Cheek have been running the motor grader. He also stated that CAT covered the cost of getting the scraper repaired.

Scott Wright gave an update for his department and discussed the process with Brenda Eakins on tax sales.

Brenda Dooley, Jewell City Library board member, expressed her interest in being appointed for the Central Kansas Library District

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve abatements #2621, #2622, #2623, #2624 and #2625. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Beck moved to reappoint Jan Carlson as the Jewell County Appointee for the Central Kansas Library District. Ed Duskie seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

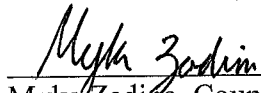
Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded to approve the July 21st Commissioner minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris Petet presented a quote from Cummins for the generator and states it has a couple oil leaks that are needing repaired.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.



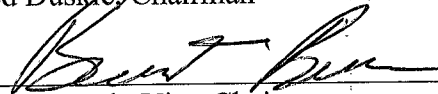
Ervin Underwood, Member



Myka Zadina, County Clerk



Ed Duskie, Chairman



Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman