Jewell County Commissioners Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Commissioners Present: Ed Duskie, Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood
Also Present: Myka Zadina, County Clerk

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1. KCAMP Payment

- County Clerk Myka Zadina reported the receipt of a **$10,000.00 payment from KCAMP**, designated to cover the **solid waste trash trailer rental.**

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2. Approval of Minutes

- **Brent Beck moved**, and **Ervin Underwood seconded**, to approve the **September 8, 2025**, meeting minutes.
  Motion passed unanimously.

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3. PEC Presentation – Bridge Inspections

- **Brian Engelke and Mike Ingalls** from **PEC** discussed:
  - State and federal **restrictions for bridge inspections**
  - Provided **sample inspection reports** with condition ratings (Good, Fair, Poor)
  - Included **repair recommendations and cost estimates** for budgeting purposes
  - Offered assistance with coordination with the **Bureau of Local Projects**
  - Requested a **follow-up meeting** to discuss an **on-call contract**

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4. Employee Position & Pay Changes

- **Joel Elkins** presented **job description and pay rate changes**:
  - **Noah Shipman**:
    - **Motion** by Brent Beck, **Second** by Ervin Underwood
    - **Approved unanimously**
  - **Jerry Mallory**:
    - **Motion** by Ed Duskie, **Second** by Ervin Underwood
    - **Approved unanimously**

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5. Road & Bridge Department Updates

- **Current Projects**:
  - Rock patching near **Burr Oak**
  - Laying second mile of rock on **Dispatch Road**
- **Jim Foster** inquired about expectations as **Interim Road and Bridge Supervisor**
  - Commissioners advised coordination with **Joel Elkins**

- **Motion** to hire Jim Foster effective **September 15, 2025**, by Ed Duskie, **Second** by Ervin Underwood
- **Approved unanimously**

- **Water line agreement** presented for **Perry Colson** in **Ionia Township**
  - **Motion** by Ervin Underwood, **Second** by Brent Beck
  - **Approved unanimously**

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6. Grant Opportunities – Jen Urbaniak

- Discussed multiple grants and incentives:
  - **$60,000 housing incentive grant** – $10,000 per new resident (not from a county affiliated with Dan G. Hanson group); will have a committee to oversee applications
  - **$10,000 Community Solutions Grant** – to support wellness center memberships, produce baskets, and classes
  - **$5,000 "Love Kansas" Grant** – to promote migration to Kansas; requires a public event
    - Flyer distributed for event on **Saturday, October 4**, at **Mankato City Park**

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7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **10:36 a.m.**

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8. Multi-County Meeting Attendance

- Commissioners attended **multi-county meeting** at the **Mitchell County Museum**
  - Participants: **Jewell, Mitchell, Smith, and Osborne Counties**
  - Topics discussed: **budgets, values & RNR, health insurance, KP&F**
  - **Next meeting** to be hosted by **Osborne County**

Ervin Underwood, Member

Ed Duskie, Chairman

Myka Zading, County Clerk

Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman