COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
July 13, 2026

The Jewell County Commissioners met Monday, July 13th, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood, and Ed Duskie were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

Jay Johanek reported that crew members have one mile remaining on 250 Road, with completion anticipated early next week. Following this, operations will shift north of Esbon. Additionally, dozers are currently being relocated to the old Otego pit, and a large tube is scheduled for installation today. He also stated that PEC conducted an inspection of a bridge Jay had concerns with and it was determined that it does not require replacement, noting that it remains a structurally sound, 9-ton rated bridge. He also discussed the potential acquisition of an extra truck to assist motor grader operators and transporting materials to job sites. The Commissioners advised on waiting to see the auction results for the trailer a few days before proceeding. He then stated that he received a notice of mandatory dam inspections, which must be completed in compliance with Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) 82a-301 through 305a. He also stated that they have plans to take the both the oldest motor grader and the newest John Deere motor grader to the upcoming threshing bee event.

A phone call was placed to Mark Stenson regarding a question he had about the cost of laying a half-mile stretch of gravel. Mr. Stenson also mentioned rock needing to be placed on 280 Road and S Road, which Jay Johanek confirmed is already slated for rocking.

Ed Duskie stated he spoke with Cloud County Commissioner Ron Copple regarding signs they placed on county roads to help decreases semi traffic from non-farmers. He stated that Copple reported it helped for a while, but more patrolling from the sheriff's department would be necessary. Duskie stated that he has received complaints of trucks traveling from Beloit to the new CVA in Republic County. Jay Johanek also stated that his motor grader operator has had trucks going by at 70mph while he is grading the road.

Fred Eilert discussed concerns he has with semis on roads he has paid to have gravel put on.

Ed Duskie moved and Ervin Underwood seconded to transfer $10,000.00 to Jewell County Council on aging, services for the elderly. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved and Brent Beck seconded to approve July 6th minute. Motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Underwood moved and Ed Duskie seconded to reappoint Cynthia Clark and Leland Tice to the Jewell County Hospital Board. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Brent Beck, Chairman

Ervin Underwood, Vice-Chairman

Myka Zadina, County Clerk

Ed Duskie, Member