

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 24th, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met on March 24th, 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.

Ed Duskie asked James Vaughan why he had told the County Commissioners that the six violations at the C&D pit had been taken care of but the letter from BWM stated that they had not been. He stated he might have sent the corrections for the violations to the wrong email. Ed then stated that since the violations were not taken care of by the deadline the BWM set that we now have a \$4500.00 fine. James stated that it was correct, and we could either pay it in full or make payments. Ed Duskie stated that James as the Solid Waste Director was not working out and that he needed to hand over the keys.

Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to terminate James Vaughan as solid waste director. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Beck moved to approve the March 17th, 2025, minutes, Ed Duskie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Jacobs requested an executive session. Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion to go into an executive session starting at 8:41 a.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Don Jacobs present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 8:46 a.m. with no action taken.

Brenda Eakins discussed hiring a third employee for the purpose of training before her two current employees last day. The commissioners stated they think it would be beneficial for the purpose of training.

The commissioners requested an ad be put in the paper for the Solid Waste Director position. They stated they will review applications on April 7th.

The Commissioners went to the front of the courthouse at 9:00 am for the stair viewing. Nate Saathoff with Saathoff Construction LLC was present to discuss the project. The Commissioners discussed how they would like the stairs to be rebuilt. The commissioners stated that bids for the project will be due Friday, March 28th at 12:00 p.m. and will open the bids on Monday March 31st.

Joel Elkins stated the phones at the county shop are still not working since the snowstorm. He also reported that Heineken Electric will be coming out to look at the generator and stated they will come service it yearly. Joel presented a cost estimate to overlay the 6.8 miles of the Webber Rd stating it will cost \$189,400 per mile. He stated that they can start the overlaying process on the first half mile of the Webber Rd starting at the state line this year. Ervin Underwood mentioned that the road has settled where a tube was placed on 90rd, and it needs to be leveled. Ervin also stated that Republic County was interested in maintaining the asphalt road at the county line in return of Jewell County maintaining the 13 miles of county rd. North of Highway 36 that Republic County currently maintains.

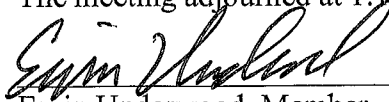
Vincent Urbaniak stated the new assistant director for the Ambulance Department will be Dan Hanson. He also stated he is working on getting an ambulance driver through the training so he can be hired. He has eight people interested and signed up for the EMT class and the class goes until the end of August. After the EMT class they will have to complete testing and once they pass, they can be hired as an EMT.

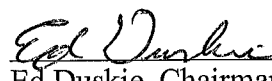
The Commissioners signed bill pay vouchers and checks.

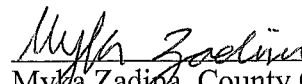
The meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. and resumed at 12:00 p.m. with the meeting moving from the Jewell County Courthouse to the USD 107 district office.

The County Commissioners went to the USD 107 district office to meet with the USD 107 school board to discuss budgets. The school board discussed the proposed levy increase and the projects they would like to be able to complete for the school district. The commissioners stated that they will keep in communication with the school board regarding budgets and the mill levy.

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.


Ervin Underwood, Member


Ed Duskie, Chairman


Myka Zadina, County Clerk


Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman