

Jewell County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

December 29, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Ed Duskie, Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood

Also Present: Myka Zadina, County Clerk

Department Head Updates

David Walton- Solid Waste Director

- Presented paperwork from Hamm to update signatures for the commissioners.
- Review the Monthly report for December.
- Currently working on covering landfill with dirt
- Requested the Commissioners take a look at the new pit.

Jay Johaneck- Road and Bridge Superintendent

- Have put in three new tubes put in around Esbon
- Provided incident reports for the commission to read.
- Working on updating the inventory of culverts

Chris Petet- Custodian

- No new updates

Anna Porter- Appraiser

- Currently working on values for next year
 - Anna stated it is looking like residential is going up & there is a decrease in ag land
- Has less than a dozen payments under protest
- Anna gave a big shout out to Chris Petet on getting the heat in the courthouse working

Don Jacobs- Sheriff

- Presented a contract for the City of Jewell (see motion below)
- Presented a quote for a vest for Brandon Wilson- \$1,292.75

Vincent Urbaniak- Ambulance Director

- Working on end of the year billing reports

Kevin Perotek- Noxious Weed

- Has been ordering chemicals to stock up
- Spray trucks are ready to go for next year.

Kevin Peroutek- Emergency Preparedness

- Jewell County is hosting the Homeland Security meeting in January at the Mankato Community Center
- LEPC compliance form will need to be signed by commissioners

Myka Zadina- County Clerk

- Preparing for the March 3rd Special Election
- Sent out township, fire and cemetery annual reports

Brent Beck-

- December 17th attended the Juvenile Detention Center meeting in Junction City

Ervin Underwood-

- Attend the Jewell County Community Development meeting and discussed the following:
 - Jewell County doesn't have a charter tax, but the city of Mankato does.
 - Visited about new home building and property tax abatements on new building

Ed Duskie-

- Attended the Jewell County Aging meeting and stated if anyone needs help with Medicare Insurance to contact them.
- Working with LEPC to complete the end of the year.

Service Awards-

- Ed Duskie presented service awards for the following:
 - 5 years- Krisit Westgate, Eldon Dunstan and Briana Kohn
 - 10 years- Cindy Becker
 - 15 years- Kenny McCary

Motions & Executive Sessions-

- **Motion: Ervin Underwood moved, Ed Duskie seconded** to go into **executive session for 5 minutes** starting at 8:56 a.m. for the purpose of an employee evaluation with **David Walton** present. Motion passed unanimously.
 - *Regular session resumed at 9:01 a.m. with David Walton signing his employee evaluation and 2026 Employee Contract.*
- **Motion: Ed Duskie moved, Brent Beck seconded** to go into **executive session for 5 minutes** starting at 9:11 a.m. for the purpose of an employee evaluation with **Kevin Peroutek** present. Motion passed unanimously.
 - *Regular session resumed at 9:16 a.m. with Kevin Peroutek signing his employee evaluation and 2026 Employee Contracts.*
- **Motion: Brent Beck moved, Ed Duskie seconded** to approve the 2026 Nex-Tech agreement for IT support. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion: Ed Duskie moved, Brent Beck seconded** to approve the December 22nd minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion: Brent Beck moved, Ervin Underwood seconded** to approve abatement numbers 2640-2655. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion: Ed Duskie moved, Brent Beck seconded** the motion that the unused money in the 2025 Jewell County Ambulance Budget be transferred into the 2026 Jewell County Ambulance Capital Outlay Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion: Ed Duskie moved, Ervin Underwood seconded** the motion that the unused money in the 2025 Jewell County Noxious Weed Budget be transferred into the 2026 Jewell County Noxious Weed Capital Outlay Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion: Brent Beck moved, Ed Duskie seconded** the motion that the unused money in the 2025 Jewell County Road and Bridge Budget be transferred into the 2026 Jewell County Road and Bridge Equipment Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion: Brent Beck moved, Ervin Underwood seconded** the motion that the unused money in the 2025 Jewell County Public Health Budget be transferred into the 2026 Jewell County Public Health Capital Outlay Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion: Ervin Underwood moved, Ed Duskie seconded** the motion that the unused money in the 2025 Jewell County Appraiser's Fund be transferred into the 2026 Jewell County Appraiser's Capital Outlay Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion: Ervin Underwood moved, Brent Beck seconded** the motion that the unused money in the 2025 Jewell County General Fund be transferred into the Jewell County Solid Waste Fund, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date. Motion passed unanimously.


- **Motion:** Ed Duskie moved, Ervin Underwood seconded the motion to accept the contract with the Jewell County Sherriff Department and the City of Jewell. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion-

- Rick McEntee Sr.
 - Discussed the Solid Waste Fee placed on residential homes and Commercial Businesses
 - Anna Porter and Myka Zadina stated that if a house is standing a Solid Waste fee is charged.
 - Myka Zadina stated that she will inform David Walton of his concerns and have him go look at the properties to determine if a Solid Waste fee should be charged or not.

Adjournment-

- The meeting adjourned at **10:15** a.m.



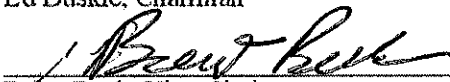
Ervin Underwood, Member



Myka Zadina, County Clerk



Ed Duskie, Chairman



Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman