

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 3rd, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met February 3rd, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood, and Ed Duskie were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes starting at 8:33 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with James Vaughan present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 8:43 a.m. Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to go back into executive session for another 5 minutes starting at 8:45 a.m. Motion passed. Regular session resumed at 8:50 a.m. with James Vaughan signing his evaluation.

Four Mid-Way CO-OP representatives came to discuss the possibility of buying the Jewell County Fairgrounds. Craig Mans, General Manager; Mike Coffey, Assistant GM; Rex Oliver, Midway CO-OP manager, Mankato location; and Kale Newell, board member, were all present. The commissioners stated that if they were to sell the fairgrounds that it would have to be the whole property and not just a section of it. They discussed that an appraisal would need to be done before any offers were discussed and that the fair board would need to find a new location for the fairgrounds before a sale is made.

Ervin Underwood moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the January 27th, 2025 Commissioners minutes.

Vincent Urbaniak, Ambulance Director, signed his 2025 contract. He discussed residency requirements for full-time employees. Ervin Underwood asked if a volunteer firefighter completed training if they could be a designated driver to fire calls with the paramedic. Vincent stated that the state says we can hire a driver that is certified and that it would also be helpful for hospital transfers. If they had a designated driver, they could pick up more transfers which in return would increase income for the ambulance department. Vincent also stated that Shannon Meier would remove snow at the ambulance building with his personal snowplow. He discussed purchasing a new snowplow for the director's truck. He had three quotes, Auto Zone for \$2264.99, Northern Tool for \$2441.73, and Tractor Supply for \$2791.28. He stated that they would also have to purchase a receiver, the price at NAPA is \$218.99.

Tracey Barton KNRC Executive Director and Larry Townsend from Wallace County, stated that KNRC is a coalition of 32 counties and is run by County Commissioners. Certain issues that KNRC has helped counties provide polices for are private property rights, Lesser Prairie Chicken, and the five-mile-wide electric transmission line corridor. She stated that KNRC membership cost is \$5,000 and it includes any policy they develop. The commissioners stated they would give some thought and discuss the membership.

Anna Porter, County Appraiser, provided 2024 and 2025 values for the fairground buildings and land.

Shannon Rothchild, Nex-Tech, discussed quotes for two computers for the road and bridge department. The first option would be a payment plan of \$225.00 per machine a month for 60 months. This would include Microsoft 365 and full IT support for the 60 months. The second option is to pay out right for a total of \$2051.00 per machine and an additional \$90.00 a month per machine for Microsoft 365. Ervin Underwood moved, and Brent Beck seconded, to purchase two computers outright from Nex-Tech for \$2025.00 apiece. Motion passed unanimously.

Phillip Pennington, Murphy Tractor & Equipment CO., discussed quotes for add-ons for the John Deere excavator. He stated that he highly recommended the HKX Hydraulic Kit. He also stated that top caps to fit the bigger machine are necessary. Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to purchase a HKX Hydraulic Kit for the John Deere excavator for \$15,647.00 from Murphy Tractor and Equipment, motion passed unanimously.

Joel Elkins, General Superintend, requested an executive session with the commissioners. Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded going into executive session with Joel Elkins present for 10 minutes starting at 10:51 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 11:01 a.m. with no action taken. Joel stated that they are currently hauling rock by Jewell.

Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve Resolution 25-05 for Road and Bridge summer hours starting March 17, 2025, and ending October 24, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Becker, Health Administrator, requested an executive session. Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to go into an executive session with Cindy Becker and Myka Zadina present for 10 minutes starting at 11:08 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 11:18 a.m. with no action taken.

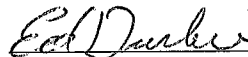
The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.



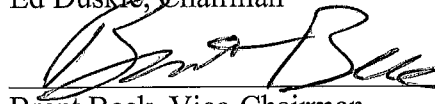
Ervin Underwood, Member



Myka Zadina, County Clerk



Ed Duskie, Chairman



Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman