

## **Jewell County Commissioners Meeting Minutes**

**November 10th, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Commissioners Present:** Ed Duskie, Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood

**Also Present:** Myka Zadina, County Clerk

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### **Motions & Executive Sessions**

1. *Motion:* **Ed Duskie moved, Brent Beck seconded** to enter **executive session for 40 minutes** starting at 8:31 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel **with Jay JohaneK and Jim Foster** present. Motion passed unanimously.
  - o Regular session resumed at 9:10 a.m. with no action taken with **Jay JohaneK and Jim Foster** signing their employment contracts.

### **General Discussion**

- **Crane Inspection:** KCAMP should be contacted to determine whether the crane requires inspection prior to use.
- **Technology/Equipment:**
  - o Another phone is needed for Jim Foster.

### **Business Items**

- **Solid Waste Department:** Discussion regarding the department obtaining a semi to haul trash.
- **Staffing Needs:**
  - o Interest expressed in hiring another truck driver for coverage when Eldon is unavailable.
  - o Jim stated he hired a CDL driver with equipment experience.
- **Budget Learning:**
  - o Regarding the Road & Bridge budget worksheet, Ervin Underwood stated he would like to learn the budget process while Jay JohaneK is learning it.
- **Hiring & Firing:** All hiring and firing matters for the Road and Bridge department is now Jay JohaneKs responsibility.
- **Maintenance Scheduling:** Oil changes will be placed on a regular schedule.
- **Field Visit:** Ed Duskie stated he would go out on Wednesday to speak with the workers.

### **Council & Community Matters**

- **Water Rights Council Meeting:**
  - o Brent Beck reported that Joe Herz said a council meeting on water rights will be held at the armory.
  - o Commissioners were invited to attend the meeting tomorrow night.
- **Insurance:** Insurance money for the fair was discussed.