

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

December 16, 2024

The Jewell County Commissioners met on December 16, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Keith Roe, Brent Beck and Ed Duskie were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk elect, was present at the meeting. Ervin Underwood, County Commissioner elect was also present.

The Commissioners discussed Christmas Eve hours. Brenk Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to close all county offices at 12:00 p.m. on December 24, 2024. Motion passed.

Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director, went over November activity reports and discussed patient transportation issues regarding planes landing at our airport. Shannon asked for a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personal. Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes starting at 8:38 a.m. with Shannon Meier and Myka Zadina present, Motion passed. Regular session resumed at 8:43 a.m. with no action taken.

Kevin Peroutek, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, reviewed the ARPA funding spreadsheet with the Commissioners. Ed Duskie moved, and Keith Roe seconded the motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 8:52 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Kevin Peroutek present. Motion passed. Regular session resumed at 8:57 a.m. with Kevin Peroutek signing his evaluation.

The commissioners reviewed the KCAMP deductible for Convective Storms and decided to not make any changes this year.

The minutes of the December 9, 2024, Commissioners meeting were approved.

Brenda Eakins, Treasurer, discussed closing at 12:30 P.M. on New Years Eve to have time to close books and run end of the year reports. Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to close the courthouse to the public December 31st, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, stated that Reece Construction will start moving equipment in this week to work on the bridge in Grant Township. He also stated they will be opening a new rock pit on H Rd, once open they can finish some rock projects in the western part of the county. The road department has also been working on dirt and tree projects. Joel stated they will be working on the Webber Road this week to fill potholes. Ed Duskie discussed road concerns.

Paul Wilson, Holmwood township, discussed what should be done with Holmwood township funding.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck second to approve abatement numbers 2600 & 2601. Motion passed.

The Commissioners approved the 2025 Holiday, Bill Pay and Payroll Calendar. They also set commissioner meeting dates. Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded to not meet on September 2nd, 2025. Motion passed.

Keith Roe moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes starting at 9:36 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion passed. Regular session resumed at 9:46 a.m. with no action taken.

Brent Beck moved, and Keith Roe seconded to give a 3% cost of living raise to hourly employees for the 2025 year. Motion passed with Ed Duskie voting no, stating that raises should be done by merit.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Brent Beck, Member

Keith Roe, Chairman

Myka Zadina, Deputy Clerk

Ed Duskie, Vice-Chairman