

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 2nd, 2026

The Jewell County Commissioners met Monday, March 2nd, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood, and Ed Duskie were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

Jay Johaneck, Road and Bridge General Supervisor, discussed repairs for equipment. He stated that the Lowboy Semi needed a new steering link and new tires. He is also going to have Ronnie Smith come to look at the pup trailers to see what repairs they need to get them back on the road. He also discussed accidents that have recently happened at the railroad tracks on the Webber Rd. and stated he would like the commissioners to pass a resolution to set a speed limit of 40 mph from the state line to Webber. He is also going to have the employees paint lines on the side of the roads near the railroad crossing to help see the edge of the road better. He extended an invite to the commissioners from the Dispatch Christian Reform Church for a lunch they are hosting for the Road and Bridge Department at 12:00 on Friday the 13th. He also stated that they are working on finding reclaimer tires and discussed the possibility of working with Smith, Osborne and Mitchell County Road Departments on making a plan to have spares on hand to be able to exchange to one another, so we don't all run into this issue at the same time again. The last thing he discussed was looking for more trucks for employees to drive to the motor graders/job sites. He said currently we have 12 motor grader operators but only 8 pickups. Jay also gave an update on behalf of Randy Fogo and stated that Randy rocking will begin on 160 Rd. starting at V Rd. and going to the old county rock pit.


Don Jacobs, Sheriff, presented the yearly agreement for the finger printing machine. Ed Duskie moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve the agreement with IDEMIA for \$3,135.00 for 2026. Motion passed unanimously. Don also stated that he will have a new hire starting on Wednesday and Ed Duskie stated he was very impressed with the new hire Andrew Reed.

Ervin Underwood moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve Daniel Pierce's designated vehicle permit. Motion passed unanimously.

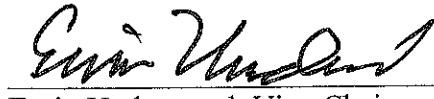
Ervin Underwood moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the updated rules and regulations for the Sheriff Department. Motion passed unanimously.

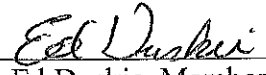
Discussions had were merit pay, special assessments and trash hauling for Solid Waste. The commissioners stated they would like a breakdown of how much it would cost per department for different levels of bonuses. They also discussed how the neighboring counties follow the same guidelines as we do regarding who gets charged a special assessment for solid waste. The last thing discussed was trash hauling for the Solid Waste Department and that they have been in discussion with Eric Dunstan regarding it.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.


Brent Beck, Chairman


Myka Zadina, County Clerk


Ervin Underwood, Vice-Chairman


Ed Duskie, Member