

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

November 26, 2018

The Jewell County Commissioners met November 26, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners, Keith Roe, Steve Greene and Mark Fleming were present. Houston Becker, Deputy County Clerk was present for the meeting.

The minutes of the November 19, 2018 Board of County Canvassers and County Commissioners meeting were approved.

The following were present for office head meeting: Chris Petet, Custodian; Nancy Marihugh, Health Nurse; Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director; Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director; Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Gail Bartley, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator. Those absent: Joel Elkins, General Superintendent; Barrett Simon, Livestock Agent; Anna Morgan, Register of Deeds; Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Anna Porter, County Appraiser.

Nancy Marihugh, Health Nurse, said they have given 410 flu shots so far. She said she attended a Preparedness 2-day training in Salina that was very informative. She also attended a Farming 911 program. She said she attended the Healthcare Coalition meeting and they were given solar cell phone chargers to take with them to their area LEPC meeting to discuss where they could be used best. She said there is a Stop the Bleed training available for departments that would like the training.

Chris Petet, Custodian, had no new business to report.

Gail Bartley, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator, said they had their district weed meeting last week in Mankato. He said he and Don Jacobs will be attending a meeting in Beloit tomorrow to give a presentation to the homeland security council about the shooting event that took place in Jewell County Sheriff's Department. December 10<sup>th</sup> he will be attending a weather service meeting in Hastings. He said several meteorologists from surrounding TV stations will be attending as well.

Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director, said they had a couple of breakdowns this month but everything else has been running smoothly.

Don Jacobs said they attended a Sheriff training in Dodge City this month.

Houston Becker, Deputy County Clerk, said their office has been finishing up election work and mailed out certificates to the Township Clerk's that were nominated in the election.

Steve Greene said he attended the Economic Development Committee meeting. He attended the district weed meeting as well. He said he has the Hospital Board meeting this Wednesday and that the Juvenile Detention Center meeting was canceled for this month.

Barrett Simon, Livestock Agent, was unable to make it to the meeting but e-mailed the following: November-Post Rock Extension held the CattleTrace producer meeting in Mankato. 38 producers were present to learn about and voice their opinions on the traceability program. November also marks the beginning of a new 4-H year, enrollment is up across the district.

Office head meeting concluded at 8:47 a.m.

Don Jacobs requested an executive session for 6 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Mark Fleming moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Don Jacobs at 8:48 a.m. for 6 minutes with the Commissioners and Houston Becker present. Steve Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed. Regular session resumed at 8:54 a.m. with no action taken.

Don Jacobs requested that we have Chris Petet lock the doors shortly after 4:30 p.m. on regular work days, so anyone that enters the building after hours must enter through the Sheriff's Department. The Commissioners said we would need signs on the door instructing people to enter and exit through the Sheriff's Department after regular courthouse hours.

Shannon Meier joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m. He provided a month end report for October 2018 and a 2018 EMS Billing Report for the Commissioners to review. He said there is a cot that is giving them some troubles and he will need to replace it soon. Shannon left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Mark Fleming moved and Steve Greene seconded the motion to approve abatement number 2345. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m. The Commissioners discussed road concerns and the costs to rock a half mile long road. Joel said he has received several phone calls this morning from people needing roads cleared to get to their cattle. Keith discussed holding a meeting to discuss the building plans for the new road and bridge building on January 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Steve Greene informed Joel about a used piece of machinery that is for sale. Joel left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Darrell Miller, County Attorney, joined the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Jenny Russell, Community Development and Don Koester and Rick Diamond, Assisted Living Committee joined the meeting. Lisa Goodheart joined the meeting via speaker phone. They discussed a County-owned assisted living facility for Jewell County. Rick Diamond said they need to have a public entity claim ownership of the facility in order to receive more grant funds. Jenny said they discussed who they thought made the most sense to claim ownership of the facility and they believe the County claiming ownership is the best route to take. Jenny provided Darrell and the Commissioners with a chart to review. Michelle Sorsen with Kingswood Court in Superior Nebraska, joined the meeting at 10:11 a.m. She discussed operations within their facility and what they have done that has made them successful. Jenny said she suggests, if the County were to take ownership of the assisted living, they would then also create a board to oversee the management of the facility. Don Koester wanted to clarify that they are needing a sponsoring entity to claim ownership of the facility and the goal is that the assisted living will be self-supporting once they are established. The committee discussed their plans to build a 12-room facility. Michelle advised building at least 16 rooms in order to be profitable. She said she would run some numbers for the committee to present to the Commissioners. Jenny asked the Commissioners if they had any questions for them. Darrell said he needs to see if the County has statutory authority to claim ownership of the facility.

Darrell Miller requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss legal matters. Keith Roe motioned to go into executive session for 10 minutes with Darrell Miller beginning at 10:45 a.m. Mark Fleming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 10:55 a.m. with no action taken.

Darrell Miller said he would investigate what our options are as a county with claiming ownership of the facility. Steve said he feels like the assisted living facility is needed in Jewell County and he appreciates the work of the Jewell County Community Development and Assisted Living Committee. The Commissioners and Darrell discussed their concern of the cost being affordable for Jewell County residents. Darrell left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

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

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Mark Fleming, Member

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Keith Roe, Chairman

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Houston Becker, Deputy County Clerk

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Steve Greene, Member