

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COURTHOUSE COMMISSION ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES III, GLENNA L. BORHO AND JOE R. REYNOLDS. TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, GALE ROSE, PRATT TRIBUNE REPORTER AND SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

SHERRY BESSER, PRMC, DR. CANNATA, HEALTH OFFICER, BRUCE PINKALL, CITY MANAGER, MAX BARRETT, UNDERSHERIFF, SHERIFF WHITE, AMY JONES, COUNTY TREASURER, TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER, SCOTT HARRIS, EMS DIRECTOR, BILLY HAMPTON, PRATT COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE CHIEF, D J MCMURRY, COUNTY APPRAISER, DARCI VAN DER VYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, DOUG FREUND, ROAD & BRIDGE DIRECTOR, TOM BLACK, ATTORNEY, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CHAIRMAN JONES OPENED THE SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS CLOSURE OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, DID NOT RECOMMEND CLOSING THE COURTHOUSE TO THE PUBLIC BUT PROVIDE LIMITED ACCESS; TYSON SAID HE HAS DONE SOME RESEARCH AND HAS NOT FOUND WHERE WE CAN SHUTDOWN; REGISTER OF DEEDS AND COUNTY CLERK OFFICES MUST REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; WILL PROVIDE PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAILS FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED ABOUT DISTRICT COURT BUT TYSON SAID THEY GO BY WHAT THE STATE SAYS; AMY JONES, COUNTY TREASURER, SAID DRIVERS LICENSE WILL BE SHUT DOWN BY THE STATE STARTING MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020 UNLESS SHE REQUESTS FOR THE SHUTDOWN TO HAPPEN SOONER; TOM BLACK SAID IT WAS OUR DUTY UNDER THE STATUTES TO ALLOW ACCESS AND A REASONABLE WAY TO DO THAT; TYSON SAID WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT OFF NON-ESSENTIAL SERVICES; ONE DOOR SHOULD REMAIN OPEN; CHAIRMAN JONES SAID WE WANT TO ALSO PROTECT OUR EMPLOYEES; DISCUSSION ON WHAT KIND OF LIMITED ACCESS AND WHETHER TO ASK HEALTH QUESTIONS OR TAKE TEMPERATURES; SHERRY BESSER, PRMC, SAID THE HOSPITAL IS JUST ASKING HEALTH QUESTIONS; SHERRY WENRICH, REGISTER OF DEEDS, SAID SHE HAS A SIGN-IN SHEET OF WHO COMES IN THE OFFICE WITH CONTACT INFORMATION; DARCI VAN DER VYVER SAID THEY ARE GETTING CALLS ABOUT RESTAURANTS EXCEEDING 50 PEOPLE.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, ASKED FOR A 45 MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 3:40 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 45 MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND THAT D J MCMURRY BE INCLUDED. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:05 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

THE COMMISSIONERS REVIEWED A PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING CLOSURE OF COURTHOUSE OFFICES; COMMISSIONERS DECIDED TO LIMIT PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE WEST DOOR AND HAVE THE PUBLIC SIGN IN WITH NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION.

MARK GRABER, I T, TOLD THE COMMISSIONERS IF HE WASN'T ABLE TO WORK HE COULD CALL ANOTHER I T PERSON TO HELP OUT.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 5:22 P.M. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

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THOMAS W. JONES III                      CHAIRMAN

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GLENN L. BORHO                              MEMBER

ATTEST:

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SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK

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JOE. R. REYNOLDS                              MEMBER