

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN SPECIAL SESSION THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COURTHOUSE 3RD FLOOR COURTROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES III, GLENNA L. BORHO AND JOE R. REYNOLDS. TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR AND SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CHAIRMAN JONES AND COMMISSIONER BORHO REQUESTED A SPECIAL MEETING AND CHAIRMAN JONES CALLED THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING. MATTERS AT ISSUE FOR THE MEETING WERE: CDBG SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF LOANS; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE PRATT AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AND PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION; COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

SHERRY WENRICH, REGISTER OF DEEDS, VOICED HER CONCERNS OVER WHO IS COMING INTO HER OFFICE AND THAT THEY ARE NOT BEING SCREENED; RICE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS HAD TO SHUT DOWN AND ARE QUARANTINED FOR TWO WEEKS DUE TO A CUSTOMER WHO CAME INTO THEIR OFFICE; TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, SAID HE WAS HOPING TO GET SOME STATE LEVEL GUIDANCE ON KEEPING OFFICES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; SHERRY SAID SHE WILL WORK WITH MARK GRABER, I T, TO WORK REMOTELY IF NEEDED.

HEATHER MORGAN HAD A PHONE CONFERENCE WITH THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING THE CDBG FUNDS; CERTAIN STIPULATIONS TO MEET AND QUESTIONS; HAVE THEY TALKED WITH THEIR BANKER; NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES; WHAT OTHER AVENUES HAVE THEY EXPLORED; JOB RETENTION; LOW TO MODERATE INCOME MATRIX; LIMIT OF FUNDS; COMMISSIONER BORHO SAID THE HIRE FUNDS ARE GONE; HEATHER DISCUSSED THE SBA LOANS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL WHICH REQUIRE MORE COMPANY INFORMATION; THERE WILL BE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES DOWN THE ROAD FOR FEDERAL FUNDING; CDBG LOAN INFORMATION WILL BE ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE, HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FACEBOOK PAGES BY MARCH 30, 2020 AT NOON; COMMISSIONER BORHO SAID MOST BUSINESSES SHOULD HAVE A LINE OF CREDIT AT THEIR BANK; FAYE TRENT, GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT, JOINED THE CONFERENCE CALL; FAYE SAID GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT CHARGES A 7% FEE TO ADMINISTER LOANS; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED IF WE COULD GIVE THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS A GRANT; FAYE RECOMMENDED LOANING THE MONEY OUT OF THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND RATHER THAN GRANTS; IT WILL NOT REQUIRE MATCHING FUNDS; INTEREST RATE MUST BE LESS THAN 4%; TERM MUST BE 3 YEARS OR LESS; INTEREST ONLY PAYMENTS FOR NO MORE THAN 12 MONTHS; APPLICATIONS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNING BODY FOR APPROVAL; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO USE REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS FOR COVID-19 RELIEF FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND USE GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT TO ADMINISTER THE LOANS. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION FOR THE MAXIMUM CAP ON THE REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS TO BE \$15,000. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. HEATHER WILL PUT THE DOCUMENTS TOGETHER.

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED THE PRATT AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THEIR FUNDING.

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED THE PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER AND THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:55 P.M. TO AJDOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

THOMAS W. JONES III CHAIRMAN

GLENNA L. BORHO MEMBER

JOE R. REYNOLDS MEMBER

ATTEST:

SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK