

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION ROOM, COURTHOUSE, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE R. REYNOLDS, DAVID L. WARD AND GLENNA L. BORHO. ALSO PRESENT WERE ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, GALE ROSE, PRATT TRIBUNE REPORTER AND SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TIFFANY AILSTOCK, RSVP DIRECTOR, SUBMITTED BILLS AND CHECKS THAT THE COMMISSIONERS REVIEWED AND SIGNED; ATTENDED A TRAINING IN BLUE SPRINGS, MO LAST WEEK ON HOW TO SET UP A VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTER AFTER A DISASTER; 325 TAX RETURNS FILED SO FAR THIS YEAR; THIS SERVICE IS FREE BUT PEOPLE CAN DONATE MONEY; LAST MONTH DONATIONS WERE \$265.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD AND BRIDGE DIRECTOR, PRESENTED A ROAD CROSSING PERMIT FOR SADDLEHORN PIPELINE TO EXCAVATE ONE SPOT ON THE ROAD TO REPLACE A SECTION OF PIPE THAT HAS A FLAW IN THE COATING AT NE 30<sup>TH</sup> ST APPROXIMATELY 1900' EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF 140<sup>TH</sup> AVE; ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, WANTED A STATEMENT ADDED TO THE ROAD CROSSING PERMIT THAT SADDLEHORN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SETTling OF THE ROAD SINCE THEY ARE EXCAVATING RATHER THAN BORING AND THAT THEY WILL STAND THE COST OF ANY FUTURE ROAD REPAIRS IN THAT AREA UP TO ONE YEAR; DOUG REPORTED THAT BLATTNER ENERGY WANTS TO CHANGE A YIELD SIGN TO A STOP SIGN DURING WIND FARM CONSTRUCTION AT SE 60<sup>TH</sup> ST AND SE 120<sup>TH</sup> AVE; BLATTNER HAS ADDITIONAL SIGNS IN THE AREA TO ALERT DRIVERS THEY ARE IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE; MR. SCHMISSEUR SUGGESTED THAT A STOP AHEAD SIGN ALSO BE PUT UP AND MAKE SURE IF BLATTNER IS PUTTING UP THE SIGN IT MEETS WITH DOUG'S APPROVAL.

NANCY SMITH, COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK COORDINATOR, REPORTED THERE ARE CURRENTLY 66 OPEN COMMUNITY SERVICE FILES; PRATT COUNTY ATTORNEY – 26 OPEN FILES; SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – 28 OPEN FILES; COURT SERVICES – 12 OPEN FILES; WORKERS HAVE RECENTLY WORKED AT PRAIRIELAND FOODS, SENIOR COMMODITY DISTRIBUTIONS, SOUTHWIND HOSPICE THRIFT SHOP, PRATT COUNTY LAKE AND PRATT COUNTY COURTHOUSE; NANCY DISCUSSED THE PURCHASE OF A NEW COMPUTER; COMMISSIONER WARD MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE A COMPUTER FROM DIRKS COPY PRODUCTS FOR \$1127.90 LESS \$189.95 FOR ADDITIONAL MONITOR. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. THE BID INCLUDED PRICING ON TWO DIFFERENT SIZE MONITORS.

VERNON CHINN, SHERIFF, HAS TALKED WITH DOUG FREUND, ROAD AND BRIDGE DIRECTOR, ABOUT THE STOP SIGN; SO FAR TEN PEOPLE HAVE REGISTERED FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING IN APRIL.

NICK BIRDSONG, LAKE SUPERVISOR AND KIM DECLUE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DISCUSSED "FISHING FOR BUCKS" AT THE LAKE OVER THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND; LAST YEAR THEY SOLD 61 BUTTONS; THIS YEAR WILL BE BUTTONS AND HATS; HOPING FOR MORE PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR AND HAVING A FEW VENDORS; GRAND PRIZE TO BE AWARDED MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND; OTHER TAGGED FISH WILL BE WORTH \$25 THRU LABOR DAY WEEKEND; 13 FISH WERE NOT CAUGHT LAST YEAR AND AN ADDITIONAL FOUR FISH WILL BE TAGGED FOR THE CONTEST THIS YEAR; COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE REQUEST; NICK SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT AS LONG AS THEY CLEANED UP AFTERWARD; NICK REPORTED ALL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LAKE NOW; NO FIRM DATE ON DELIVERY OF THE NEW CARPORTS.

ROBERT TORRES, NOXIOUS WEED/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, REPORTED THEY HAVE STARTED SPRAYING AT THE LAKE; ROAD DEPARTMENT IS DONE AND WILL NOW MOVE TO THE LANDFILL; HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN WATER WELL DRILLING AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS.

JERRY KEENE TOLD THE COMMISSIONERS THE SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE IS HAVING FINANCIAL ISSUES.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 5:00 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR INTERVIEWS FOR THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR POSITION UNTIL 6:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 6:00 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCERNING INTERVIEWS WITH APPLICANTS WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO HIRE CATHERINE ROHRER AS SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR AS OF MARCH 22, 2016 WITH A TOTAL SALARY PACKAGE OF \$70,000. COMMISSIONER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2016 MEETING AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER WARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MARCH 21, 2016. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK, REPORTED BKD, LLC WICHITA, KS, PRATT COUNTY AUDITORS, WILL BE ON SITE THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2016.

COMMISSIONER WARD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 P.M. COMMISSIONER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

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JOE R. REYNOLDS      CHAIRMAN

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DAVID L. WARD      MEMBER

ATTEST:

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SHERRY KRUSE  
COUNTY CLERK

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GLENN L. BORHO      MEMBER

