

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION ROOM, COURTHOUSE, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE 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.

JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL/RECYCLING MANAGER, ASKED TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:00 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:10 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. JASON REPORTED THE FIRST SIX MONTHS NUMBERS ARE UP AT THE RECYCLING CENTER; JASON WILL SUBMIT MORE INFORMATION AT A LATER DATE.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD AND BRIDGE DIRECTOR, ASKED IF THE COMMISSIONERS HAD ANYTHING FOR HIM OTHERWISE HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, TOLD THE COMMISSIONERS HE HAD NOT RECEIVED THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 22, 2016 PLANNING BOARD MEETING TO GIVE TO COMMISSIONER WARD.

DON KITSON DISCUSSED THE RECYCLING CENTER.

MARK MCMANAMAN, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, DISCUSSED THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ITEMS.

ROBERT TORRES, NOXIOUS WEED/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, ASKED FOR A FIVE MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:32 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIVE MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:37 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER WARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 MEETING. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS HE HAS STARTED PREPARING THE DOCUMENTS FOR A ROAD VACATION; REVIEWED HOSPITAL BOND REFINANCING DOCUMENTS.

CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS CALLED THE 5:00 P.M. AGENDA ITEM TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY PROJECT CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS FOR A SPECIAL USE APPLICATION AND STANDARDS FOR COMMUNICATION TOWERS; CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS CALLED ON TIM BRANSCOM, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, FOR PRESENTATION OF AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND ANSWER QUESTIONS; TIM BRANSCOM, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, STATED THE CURRENT RESOLUTION DOES NOT INCLUDE CHANGES TO THE MINIMUM BLADE CLEARANCE; AT THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING THEY VOTED TO REMOVE THE CHANGE ON THE MINIMUM BLADE CLEARANCE; TIM BRANSCOM, ZONING

ADMINISTRATOR, SAID HE HAS NOT RECEIVED THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 22, 2016 PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING; ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS PROCEED AND HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS; SAM MASSEY, PROJECT DIRECTOR, NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES, THE CHANGE IN BLADE HEIGHT WAS BECAUSE LONGER BLADES COULD PRODUCE MORE ENERGY AND REQUIRES FEWER TRUBINES TO PRODUCE THE SAME AMOUNT OF POWER AND THAT REDUCES THE IMPACT ON FARM LAND AND REDUCES COST TO THE CONSUMER; THE LONGER BLADES DO NOT INCREASE AIR TURBULENCE; MOST COUNTIES HAVE ADJUSTED TO LARGER TURBINES; 85' BLADE CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT MAY PROHIBIT FUTURE WIND DEVELOPMENT; THE CURRENT NINNESCAH WIND PROJECT COULD OF OPERATED WITH 21 FEWER TURIBNES WITH CHANGES IN THE BLADES; OUT OF 44 COUNTIES 73% WITH EXISTING OR PROPOSED WIND FARMS HAVE BLADE CLEARANCE REQUIRMENTS OF 40' OR LESS; ALSO INCLUDED IN THE RESOLUTION ARE CHANGES TO SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURES, ANTENNAS AND AERIALS; INCREASING SURFACE AREA OF CAMPAIGN SIGNS; TOWER LOCATION REQUIREMENTS; COMMUNICATION AND POWER COLLECTION LINES; TURBINE TOWER LIGHTING; CHANGE TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS TO 1 INCH = 2,000 FEET SCALE; SECOND APPLICATION FOR A COMMERICAL WIND ENERGY PROJECT SHALL PROVIDE THE COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE OF THE CENTER POINT FOR ALL TURBINE LOCATIONS, INCLUDING ALTERNATE LOCATIONS. CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS ASKED THE COUNTY CLERK IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO CONSIDER. SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK, RESPONDED SHE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE 5:00 P.M. AGENDA ITEM FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS BE CONTINUED UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19,2016 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE SAME MEETING ROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE SO THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD HEARING OF AUGUST 22, 2016 WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2016. COMMISSIONER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 AT 11:00 A.M. AT CITY HALL FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE PRATT CITY COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JOE REYNOLDS CHAIRMAN

DAVID L. WARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK

GLENN L. BORHO MEMBER