

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION ROOM, COURTHOUSE, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID L. WARD AND GLENNA L. BORHO. JOE REYNOLDS WAS ABSENT. 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.

CATHERINE ROHRER, SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR, DISCUSSED ADULT FUNDING; STATE SAYS THEY ARE NOT CUTTING ADULT FUNDING THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR; DON'T KNOW IF ANY FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR JUVENILE PROGRAMS.

JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL/RECYCLING SUPERVISOR, ASKED FOR A TEN MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:10 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. CHAIRMAN WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:20 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. CHAIRMAN WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. CHAIRMAN WARD DISCUSSED A CALL FROM A RESIDENT THAT WAS UPSET THAT THE GATES WERE CLOSED AT THE LANDFILL WHEN HE TRIED TO TAKE A LOAD OF BRUSH AND HOURS ARE NOT POSTED ON THE WEBSITE; LANDFILL HOURS ARE ON THE WEBSITE BUT YOU CAN'T SEE THEM ON A CELL PHONE; JASON SAID THEY NEED TIME TO COVER THE TRASH AND MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT; WILL SEND WES HEMPHILL AND KEVIN BACON TO A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLASS IN JUNCTION CITY, KS; JASON SAID HE AND LORI NEWQUIST WILL BE ABLE TO RENEW ON-LINE; PROBLEMS WITH THE SCRAPER BRAKES; ONE BRUSH PILE WAS BURNED TODAY; NOLA SWOPE GAVE HER TWO WEEK NOTICE AND HER LAST DAY IS FEBRUARY 18TH, 2017; WES HEMPHILL WILL MOVE TO THE RECYCLING CENTER.

DARCIE VAN DER VYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED THAT ALL GRANTS THAT WERE DUE BY MARCH 15 HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED; INFECTIOUS DISEASE EXERCISE IN MEDICINE LODGE, KS; TRYING TO GET A TEAM TOGETHER TO ATTEND; PURPLE WAVE WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO PUT OLD VACCINE REFRIGERATOR ON THEIR WEBSITE; DISCUSSED A THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH COX TO PROVIDE INTERNET AND TV; A CONTRACT WILL SAVE \$70 PER MONTH; COMMISSIONERS AGREED TO THE REQUEST.

DAVID BLASI AND DOUG FREUND, ROAD AND BRIDGE DIRECTOR, DISCUSSED THE WIDTH OF COUNTY ROADS AND TREE CANOPIES ALONG THE ROADWAYS; MR. BLASI SAID HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE MOVING EQUIPMENT DOWN THE ROADS; MOST ROADS ARE 17' TO 19' WIDE AND HIS EQUIPMENT IS 24' WIDE; HE USES NE 30TH ST A LOT AND THERE IS A LOT OF TRUCK TRAFFIC; REQUESTING 3' TO 4' OF GRAVEL ON BOTH SIDES SO HE CAN PULL OVER WHEN MEETING TRAFFIC; MR. BLASI SAID HE KNOWS THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL COST INVOLVED; ALSO CATCHING A LOT OF TREES ON NW 20TH AVE AND WEST FIRST STREET; LANDLORDS DON'T KNOW THAT THIS IS A PROBLEM; ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, SAID THE COUNTY DOESN'T OWN THE LAND BUT DOES HAVE A RIGHT OF WAY AND A LIMITED RIGHT TO USE THE PROPERTY; LANDOWNERS ON EACH SIDE OWN TO THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD AND THE COUNTY HAS THE RIGHT TO MAINTAIN THE ROAD FOR TRAFFIC; MR. BLASI SAID HIS TALLEST IMPLEMENT IS 16'; DOUG SAID ONE OF THE OWNERS ON WEST FIRST STREET DOES NOT WANT THE TRESS TOUCHED; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED MR. BLASI WHAT ROAD IS A PRIORITY? MR. BLASI SAID NE 30TH ST IS HIS FIRST PRIORITY AND THEN WEST FIRST ST; MR. BLASI THANKED THE BOARD FOR LISTENING TO HIS CONCERNS.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD AND BRIDGE DIRECTOR, DISCUSSED LAKE ISSUES AND RENTING OF KAYAK'S; RIGHT NOW WE HAVE NO PADDLES OR LIFE JACKETS; NEED TO TALK WITH RICH SANDERS ABOUT INSURANCE; ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, SAID THE COUNTY SHOULD BE COVERED BY A RECREATIONAL USE POLICY BUT NEED TO CHECK IF WE NEED A RIDER AND HOW MUCH THAT WILL COST; LIFE JACKETS WILL NEED TO BE DIFFERENT SIZES; COMMISSIONER BORHO SAID SHE WILL FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ON THE ACCESSORIES FROM DEWAYNE BRYAN WHO WROTE THE GRANT; DOUG DISCUSSED IF WE WOULD BE HIRING SOMEONE FULL TIME AT THE LAKE BECAUSE IF YOU ARE GOING TO RENT KAYAK'S THERE WOULD NEED TO BE SOMEONE THERE ON WEEKENDS; NEED ROCK FOR PARKING AREAS, PIERS AND CAMPING SPOTS; SINCE THEY HAD GOOD LUCK WITH PURPLE WAVE LAST TIME THEY WILL BE LISTING MORE ITEMS; PRESENTED BIDS ON A DUMP TRUCK; DOUG WILL REVIEW THE BIDS AND COME BACK NEXT WEEK; CURRENTLY HAVE A DUMP TRUCK AT SOUTHWEST TRUCK WITH WATER IN THE OIL.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS THAT RICK HOLLAND, WHO LIVES IN THE AREA OF THE WIND TURBINES, HAS A PROBLEM WITH TV RECEPTION; MR. HOLLAND CLAIMS THE TURBINES ARE INTERFERING WITH HIS TV RECEPTION AND ANTENNA; THE PROBLEM HAS PERSISTED; NEXTERA HAS OFFERED A ONE TIME PAYMENT FOR THE PROBLEM; ZONING REGULATIONS CWEP SECTION H #3 STATES: "THE APPLICANT SHALL NOT OPERATE THE CWEP AND ITS ASSOCIATED FACILITIES SO AS TO CAUSE MICROWAVE, TELEVISION, RADIO, TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR NAVIGATION INTERFERENCE. THE CWEP SHALL OPERATE IN CONFORMITY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION REGULATIONS. IN THE EVENT THE CWEP AND ITS ASSOCIATED FACILITIES OR ITS OPERATIONS CAUSE SUCH INTERFERENCE IN OR NEAR THE PROJECT, APPLICANT SHALL TAKE TIMELY MEASURES NECESSARY TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM." CHAIRMAN WARD ASKED IF THERE WAS INTERFERENCE WHEN THE TOWERS ARE NOT RUNNING; TIM SAID HE DID NOT KNOW; ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, RECOMMENDED THAT MR. HOLLAND HAVE SOMEONE OFFER AN OPINION ON RECEPTION AND WHETHER HE HAS SUFFERED A LOSS; TIM REMINDED THE BOARD THAT THERE IS A TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS, OR ANYONE THAT WANTS TO ATTEND, NEXT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 AT 6:00 P.M. AT PRATT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

ROBERT TORRES, NOXIOUS WEED/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, WANTED THE COMMISSIONERS TO KNOW THEY SPRAY TREE SAPLINGS IN THE DITCHES; COMMISSIONER BORHO SAID SHE HAD NOTICED THE CITY OF PRATT APPROVED THE PLAT FOR PARK HILLS COUNTRY CLUB; ROBERT SAID HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH KELLY ESTES AND THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED BIGGER LOTS TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR SEWER AND WATER WELL BUT CURRENT PLAT SHOWS SMALLER LOTS; ROBERT WILL DO PRE-SITE EVALUATIONS.

JIMMY WHITE, SHERIFF, HAD NOTHING TO REPORT EXCEPT THAT HE HAS PASSED NIMS 700 LEVEL TRAINING.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2017 MEETING. CHAIRMAN WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, DISCUSSED THE PROGRESS OF THE WATER WELL AT CAIRO AND GETTING A FIRE HYDRANT INSTALLED.

ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, ASKED FOR A FIVE MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 5:45 P.M. TO

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ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIVE MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. CHAIRMAN WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. CHAIRMAN WARD MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2017. CHAIRMAN WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

THE NEXT COMMISSIONER MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M. DUE TO THE PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 6:20 P.M. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

DAVID L. WARD CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK

GLENN L. BORHO MEMBER