

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020 AT 4:00 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, SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK, AND DARRELL SHUMWAY WERE ALSO PRESENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS NEXT WEEK IS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK; TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. IS TORNADO SIREN TESTING IF THE WEATHER IS GOOD; THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS SEVERE WEATHER TRAINING; REPORTED THE ROOF IS LEAKING; PART OF THE ROOF WAS SEALED BUT IS NOW LEAKING IN ANOTHER PART; WILL GET BIDS TO HAVE THE ROOF SEALED WHERE NEEDED; TIM SAID HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO SPEAK AT A MEETING AT BUTLER COUNTY ON APRIL 16, 2020 ABOUT THE BUTANE LEAK; DISCUSSED A VISIT FROM CHUCK CLANAHAN, KANSAS PROTECTIVE SECURITY OFFICER US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, ON COUNTY BUILDING SECURITY; HE WILL ALSO BE VISITING CITY BUILDINGS; NO DATE HAS BEEN SET.

SHERIFF WHITE PRESENTED A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FORM FOR AN EMPLOYEE CHANGING FROM PART TIME TO FULL TIME.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD&BRIDGE/LAKE DIRECTOR, DISCUSSED A REQUEST FROM TWO AREA FARMERS TO TRENCH ACROSS A COUNTY ROAD INSTEAD OF BORE; COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED THAT IT WAS COUNTY POLICY TO BORE; DOUG WILL CONTACT THEM; DOUG SAID HE IS GETTING SPECS TOGETHER TO GET BIDS FOR NEW TRACTORS AND MOWERS; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS ASKED IF A SIDE MOUNT MOWER WOULD WORK BETTER; DOUG SAID THE TRACTORS HAVE A WIDER BASE TO ACCOMMODATE MOWING ON A SLOPE AND THE SIDE MOUNT HAS TOO MANY MOVING PARTS; DOUG REPORTED TERRACON DID DO COMPACTION TESTING ON THE SITE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER LAST WEEK.

ROBERT TORRES, NOXIOUS WEED/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, SUBMITTED THE KDOT CONTRACT FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN; WAYNE SCRITCHFIELD, KIRKHAM MICHAEL, HAS BEEN EMAILING HIM ABOUT THE LAGOON FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2020 MEETING. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ERIC KILLOUGH, PRATT PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR, HAS BEEN ASKED TO ASSIST THE PRATT TEEN CENTER IN SECURING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC OPERATIONAL FUNDING; SUBMITTED THE 2019 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT; BEGINNING WITH THE 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR THE TEEN CENTER IS UNDERTAKING AN AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN WORKING WITH THE LIBRARY TO PROVIDE MORE SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH 5TH – 12TH GRADE; INCREASING HOURS, PROGRAMMING, AND ACCESS TO MENTORING; THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN DIVERTING YOUTH THAT ARE NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES TO THE TEEN CENTER FOR THEIR AFTER SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT; THE TEEN CENTER IS NOW SEEING DAILY PATRONAGE NUMBERS IN EXCESS OF 20 PER DAY WITH TOTALS OFTEN EXCEEDING 40; ACCESS TO THE TEEN CENTER IS HELPFUL TO THE LIBRARY IN THAT IT REDUCES THE NOISE/DISRUPTION LEVELS WITH THE LIBRARY; WE WANT TO HAVE A PERMANENT ASSET AVAILABLE TO THE PRATT YOUTH; ERIC SAID HE WILL NOT FORMALLY BE ENGAGED IN THE OPERATION OF THE TEEN CENTER BUT WILL BE AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER; THE TEEN CENTER OFFERS AN AREA FOR HIM TO CONTINUE TO OFFER PROGRAMMING

THAT IS NOT SUITED TO THE CONFINES OF THE LIBRARY AND CAN ALLOW THE KIDS TO BE A LITTLE ROWDIER AND RAMBUNCTIOUS AND OFFERS A SAFE PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO RECREATE AFTER SCHOOL, ON SELECT WEEKENDS AND THROUGH THE SUMMER; ERIC IS ASKING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO INCREASE FUNDING FROM \$300 PER MONTH TO \$650 PER MONTH AND THE CITY TO INCREASE FROM \$500 PER MONTH TO \$650 PER MONTH; COMMISSIONERS SAID THEY WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST DURING THEIR 2021 BUDGET SESSION.

BILLY HAMPTON, PRATT COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE CHIEF, DISCUSSED CHANGES TO FIRE & RESCUE ASSISTANT CHIEF, CAPTAIN, LIEUTENANT, AND SAFETY OFFICER WAGES; THEY SPEND LOTS OF TIME FILLING OUT FORMS, MAINTAINING AND REPAIRING EQUIPMENT, FILLING OUT FUEL REPORTS; TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, WANTED TO REVIEW LABOR LAWS BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS MAKE A DECISION.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REQUESTED A FIFTEEN-MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS SUBJECT TO ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 5:12 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS MATTERS SUBJECT TO ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 5:27 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND GO BACK INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ANOTHER 25 MINUTES. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. AT 5:50 P.M. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2020. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 6:50 P.M. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

THOMAS W. JONES III CHAIRMAN

GLENN L. BORHO MEMBER

ATTEST:

SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK

JOE R. REYNOLDS MEMBER