

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COURTHOUSE COMMISSION ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE R. REYNOLDS, GLENNA L. BORHO AND TOM JONES. ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, GALE ROSE, PRATT TRIBUNE REPORTER AND SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, PRESENTED INFORMATION ON THE SPECIAL USE CASE THE COMMISSIONERS WILL HEAR NEXT MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.; THIS WEEK IS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS AND AT 10:00 A.M. TOMORROW THERE WILL BE A STATEWIDE DRILL; ALTERNATE DATE IS THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019; WILL VISIT THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IN FORD COUNTY THIS WEEK; TIM AND DOUG FREUND ATTENDED AN APPLICANT BRIEFING IN KINGMAN ON THE OCTOBER FLOOD; ROBERT SCHMISSEUR THANKED TIM FOR GETTING INFORMATION FOR HIM.

MIKE TIBBETTS, COMMUNICATIONS, MET WITH A STATE REPRESENTATIVE ON 911 FUNDS LAST WEEK; DISCUSSED WHAT 911 FUNDS COULD BE SPENT ON; 911 FUNDS CAN BE USED TO PURCHASE THE NEW DISPATCH EQUIPMENT; PROBLEMS WITH REPEATER STATION; COMMISSIONERS ASKED HIM TO GET ANOTHER BID ON REPLACING ANTENNA AND CABLE; DISPATCH EQUIPMENT EXTENDED WARRANTY CAN ALSO BE PAID WITH 911 FUNDS; D J MCMURRY COMMENTED THAT THE STATE IS PAYING BY THE NUMBER OF DISPATCH SEATS NOW INSTEAD OF TRUNK LINES; MIKE SAID THERE MAY BE GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE; AVTEC ENGINEER WILL START MONDAY INSTALLING THE NEW DISPATCH SYSTEM AND HAVE IT UP AND RUNNING BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK.

D J MCMURRY, COUNTY APPRAISER, THE NEW PROGRAM THAT ROUTES VEHICLES TO CERTAIN SPOTS HAS BEEN LOADED ON BILLY HAMPTON'S CELL PHONE AND HE HAS BEEN TESTING IT; ANNUAL FEE IS \$100 PER USER.

AUDIE AND SANDI DOBBS TALKED WITH THE COMMISSIONERS ABOUT CONTINUING TO FERTILIZE THE LAWN; COMMISSIONERS DECIDED TO TAKE BIDS.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2019. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS THAT JOE BERRY AND JEFF BERRY HAD PETITIONED TO HAVE NW 60TH ST BETWEEN NW 70TH AVE & NW 80TH AVE VACATED; CURRENTLY IT IS A MINIMUM MAINTENANCE ROAD; MR. SCHMISSEUR WILL START THE PROCESS.

ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REPORTED ON THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION TESTS FOR PRATT ENERGY LLC AND THE SCOLAR COMPANY; PRATT ENERGY LLC HAS 38 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WITH GOOD BENEFITS AND LAST YEAR HANDLED 16 MILLION BUSHELS OF GRAIN; ANNUAL PAYROLL OF \$3 MILLION; USE SEVERAL LOCAL VENDORS; THE SCOLAR COMPANY HAS 9 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES RANGING IN SALARY FROM \$14.00 TO \$16.00 PER HOUR OR SALARIED AT \$60,000+ WITH GOOD BENEFITS; HANDLED \$28 MILLION BUSHELS OF GRAIN; 24 UNIT TRAINS LOADED OUT IN 2018; ADDED TWO MAJOR BUNKERS; BOTH COMPANIES HAVE MET THEIR TESTS FOR ECONOMIC EXEMPTIONS; BOARD OF TAX APPEALS GRANTED A HEARING TO YOUTH CORE MINISTRIES FOR EXEMPT STATUS; PREPARED ASSIGNMENT CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER BETWEEN CODY SMITH AND MANDY STEPHENSON; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE ASSIGNMENT OF PUBLIC

DEFENDER DUTIES FROM CODY SMITH TO MANDY STEPHENSON AT THE SAME AMOUNT FOR THE BALANCE OF 2019. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TIFFANY AILSTOCK, RSVP DIRECTOR, ASKED FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 5:00 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 5:15 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD & BRIDGE DIRECTOR/LAKE SUPERVISOR, PRESENTED SALARY CHANGES FOR EMPLOYEES 6 MONTH AND ONE YEAR RAISES; RECEIVED HIGH RISK RURAL ROADS GRANT FROM STATE FOR SIGNAGE IN THE NW QUADRANT; COUNTY WILL PAY 0% AND STATE WILL PAY 100%; HAD A CONFERENCE CALL WITH KIRKHAM MICHAEL AND KANSAS WILDLIFE, PARKS AND TOURISM ABOUT DRAINING THE LAKE; FEMA HAS ASKED ABOUT THE NATURE TRAIL AT THE LAKE; WE HAVE NO WAY TO MEASURE THE DAMAGE AND IT CAN'T BE USED MOST OF THE TIME BECAUSE OF HIGH WATER; IT HAS LITTLE RECREATIONAL VALUE; COMMISSIONERS DECIDED NOT TO INCLUDE THAT IN DAMAGES TO THE LAKE; DOUG SAID HE WAS BEHIND ON A LOT OF PROJECTS DUE TO THE WEATHER.

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MARCH 4, 2019. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION AT 5:55 P.M. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

JOE R. REYNOLDS CHAIRMAN

GLENNA L. BORHO MEMBER

ATTEST:

SHERRY KRUSE
COUNTY CLERK

TOM JONES MEMBER