

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1ST FLOOR IN THE COURTHOUSE. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES III, RICK N. SHRIVER AND DWIGHT ADAMS. ALSO, PRESENT, TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK AND MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR. ALSO, PRESENT MICHAEL INSLEE AND LINDA HOEME.

ALL BIDS WERE OPENED AND READ ALOUD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS, WITH A BID OF \$2,500.00 MADE BY MICHAEL AND JENNIFER INSLEE, BEING THE HIGHEST CASH BID RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 3-15-21 TO AWARD THE BID TO MICHAEL AND JENNIFER INSLEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. THE COUNTY CLERK IS HEREBY ORDERED TO EXECUTE A DEED CONVEYING PRATT COUNTY'S INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO MICHAEL AND JENNIFER INSLEE.

HEATHER MORGAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT PROVIDED AN UPDATE ABOUT THE MONTHLY PRATT AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING. SHE ALSO ALERTED THE COMMISSION TO RECENT BROADBAND GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT IN WHICH SOUTH CENTRAL TELCOM WAS AWARDED \$805,000 FOR A TOTAL PROJECT WHICH WILL COST \$1,610,000 FOR EXPANSION OF BROADBAND SERVICES IN RURAL PRATT COUNTY. SHE EXPLAINED THAT THE SPARK GRANT PROCESS IS CLOSING OUT AND THE STATE CONTINUES TO ISSUE NEW GUIDANCE. SPECIFICALLY ENSURING THE FUNDS WERE IN A NON- INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT, PURCHASING POLICIES, AND ASSET MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS WERE MENTIONED. SHE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT CONGRESS HAS NOW PASSED THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN WHICH AWARDS STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE STATE OF KANSAS WILL RECEIVE \$1.5 BILLION, INCLUDING \$143 MILLION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS. PRATT COUNTY IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE \$1.7 MILLION WITH THE CITIES IN PRATT COUNTY BEING EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: PRATT-\$910,000, COATS- \$10,000, IUKA- \$20,000, SAWYER- \$20,000, AND PRESTON- \$20,000. RULES ABOUT THESE FUNDS WON'T BE AVAILABLE FOR SOME TIME AND SHE STATED SHE WILL KEEP THE COMMISSION POSTED AND WILL ALSO BE TALKING TO EACH CITY WHEN MORE INFORMATION IS KNOWN. SHE ALSO MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS A PROVISION IN THE FEDERAL LAW THAT PROHIBITED TAX CUTS OR CREDITS IF USING THESE FUNDS. THESE PROVISIONS ARE ALSO UNFOLDING AND THE COMMISSION WILL BE UPDATED WHEN MORE IS KNOWN IN THE DAYS AHEAD. OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN WHICH WILL ASSIST PRATT COUNTY BUSINESSES INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PPP FUND AND A RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM. FINALLY, A STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WAS PROVIDED WHICH INCLUDED THE STATE OF KANSAS TRYING TO PURCHASE A STRETCH OF LAND NEAR THE KINGMAN/PRATT COUNTY LINE TO ALLOW FOR FLOAT TRIPS ON THE NINNESCAH RIVER WHICH COULD PROMOTE AGRI-TOURISM. A BILL WHICH WOULD PROVIDE COUNTIES MORE CHOICE IN TERMS OF HOW THEY USE THEIR COVID-19 VACCINE, A BILL WHICH WOULD PROVIDE HAZARD PAY FOR CERTAIN WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, A BILL WHICH EVENS THE PLAYING FIELD FOR LOCAL MERCHANTS REQUIRING ONLINE SELLERS TO CHARGE SALES TAX, AND SB 13 WHICH IS A PROPERTY TAX TRANSPARENCY BILL WHICH IS ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK AWAITING SIGNATURE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE COUNTY CLERK AND ALL TAXING ENTITIES TO DO CERTAIN THINGS IF THE TAXING ENTITY COLLECTED ONE ADDITIONAL DOLLAR OVER WHAT THEY COLLECTED LAST YEAR. QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ABOUT SOME OF THE DETAILS PROVIDED AND COMMISSIONERS WERE ASSURED THEY WILL BE UPDATED AS MANY OF THESE THINGS CONTINUE TO UNFOLD.

BARB PRATER, PRATT AREA HUMANE SOCIETY BOARD PRESIDENT, THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 8, 2021. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO DONATE \$500.00 FOR THE 75'S DINNER. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO PAY FOULSTON ATTORNEYS AT LAW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52.50 FOR LEGAL SERVICES. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TYSON EISENHAEUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REPORTED HE HAD RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM ONEOAK OIL AND GAS, CONCERNING THE GAS LINE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. HE WILL REVIEW THE AGREEMENT AND REQUIRED INSURANCE AND REPORT NEXT WEEK.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER REPORTED THE FIBER OPTIC HAS BEEN LAID IN THE DITCH, IT CANNOT BE RUN TO THE BUILDING UNTIL THE CONTRACT IS SIGNED.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD SUPERVISOR, PRESENTED A ROAD CROSSING FOR MORNING STAR FARMS TO RUN A GAS LINE UNDER THE ROAD AT NW 20TH STREET, 26-27-15. HE PRESENTED A ONE YEAR RAISE SLIP FOR BEN HENNING FOR \$1.00. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$1.00 RAISE FOR BEN HENNING. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TYSON EISENHAEUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, QUESTIONED MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR, ABOUT THE CONTRACT FROM SPYGLASS GROUP, LLC CONCERNING THEM AUDITING OUR AT&T PHONE BILL. TYSON WILL CONTACT THEM TO SET UP A MEETING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS NEXT WEEK.

COMMISSIONERS OPENED BIDS FOR THE NOXIOUS WEED, UTV. BIDS RECEIVED FROM: GOTTSCHALK EQUIPMENT SALES, HAYS, KS, 2021 ARTIC CAT FOR \$15,949, WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE A TRADE IN VALUE; SUPERIOR OUTDOOR POWER, SUPERIOR, NE, KAWASAKI MULE FOR \$18,480.37 MINUS TRADE IN OF \$2,500.00 FOR A TOTAL BID OF \$15,980.37; BTI PRATT, PRATT, KS, 2021 JOHN DEER GATOR FOR \$26,800.00 MINUS TRADE IN OF \$4,000.00 FOR A TOTAL BID OF \$22,800.00. ROBERT TORRES, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR, WAS ASKED TO CONTACT ALL BIDDERS TO GET WARRANTIES ON THEIR EQUIPMENT. ALSO, HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO GET A TRADE IN VALUE FROM GOTTSCHALK. THEY WILL MAKE A DECISION MARCH 22, 2021, AFTER RECEIVING THIS INFORMATION.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING DIRECTOR, REPORTED ON THE STORM LAST THURSDAY NIGHT. HE REPORTED HE HAD RECEIVED THE DRAFT ZONING REGULATIONS FOR IUKA AND COATS. THEY WILL REVIEW AT THE ZONING MEETING BEING HELD MONDAY EVENING AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING. TYSON EISENHAEUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR ASKED HIM TO SEND HIM A COPY OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO ZONE SMALL CITIES AND HE WILL REVIEW.

DJ MCMURRY, APPRAISER, PRESENTED A CONTRACT TO ASSIGN SAM'S TO TAKE OVER THE REMAINING CONTRACT WITH R & S DIGITAL FOR THE 911 DATA BASE. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT FROM R & S DIGITAL TO SAM'S FOR 911 DATABASE. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MARCH 15, 2021.
COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER, QUESTIONED BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD INCREASE. THE BLUE CROSS BLUE
SHIELD REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT THE MARCH 29, 2021 MEETING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER
JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RICK N. SHRIVER CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT ADAMS MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

THOMAS W. JONES III MEMBER