

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSION MET MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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 AND SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK WERE ALSO PRESENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ROBERT TORRES, NOXIOUS WEED/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, SUBMITTED CHARTS ON THE MUSK THISTLE INFESTATIONS FROM 2009 TO 2014 AND MUSK THISTLE UPDATE ON LOCATIONS FOR 2014, 2019 AND 2020; WILL BE SPRAYING JOHNSON GRASS WHEN THE WEATHER WARMS UP.

JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL/RECYCLING SUPERVISOR, REPORTED THE SCALE HOUSE IS UP AND GOING; THE OLD ONE WILL BE REMOVED; ISSUES WITH THE BRAKES ON THE SCRAPER; KDHE INSPECTED THE LANDFILL WITH NO ISSUES; RECYCLING MARKETS ARE DOWN; WORKS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR THIS MONTH HAS BEEN POSTPONED; APRIL 9, 2020 CLEAN HARBORS WILL PICK UP HAZARDOUS WASTE; TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REQUESTED A FIVE MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:07 P.M. FOR FIVE MINUTES FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:12 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND GO BACK INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ANOTHER TEN MINUTES FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. AT 4:22 P.M. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, TOLD THE COMMISSIONERS HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS THIS WEEK TO REVIEW WHAT EACH DEPARTMENT'S ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS ARE; TIM ASKED THAT ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS BE AT THE MEETING; CHAIRMAN JONES WILL ATTEND THE MEETING; TIM ALSO DISCUSSED INCLUDING THE CITY BUT MAYBE AT A SEPARATE TIME; THERE IS NOTHING IN PRATT RIGHT NOW; PRESENTED A RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT WHICH IS GOOD FOR 60 DAYS; 15-16 COUNTIES IN THE STATE HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 03-16-2020A DELCARING THERE WAS A STATE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS RESULTING IN POTENTIAL OR OCCURRING PANDEMIC KNOWN AS COVID 19, IN PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MIKE TIBBETTS, COMMUNICATIONS, SUBMITTED INFORMATION ON PORTABLE DIGITAL RADIO TEST EQUIPMENT; RSI CORPORATION, KIOWA, KS CONTACTED HIM ABOUT PURCHASING THE EQUIPMENT; AT FIRST THEY OFFERED TO SELL IT FOR \$10,000 BUT NOW THEY WILL TAKE \$6,000; EQUIPMENT IS SEVEN YEARS OLD AND HAS A LIFE OF 20-30 YEARS; CAN BE USED FOR BOTH DIGITAL AND ANALOG; ON-LINE USED IT COSTS BETWEEN \$12,000 - \$15,000; MIKE SAID HE WILL TEST THE EQUIPMENT BEFORE PURCHASING.

CHAIRMAN JONES OPENED FERTILIZER BIDS FOR THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE; YOUNIE LAWNSCAPES, PRATT, KS \$801.80 FOR FOUR APPLICATIONS; CR SERVICES LAWN & LANDSCAPE LLC, PRATT, KS \$880.00 FOR FOUR APPLICATIONS; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO AWARD THE BID TO YOUNIE LAWNSCAPES FOR FERTILIZING THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE FOR \$801.80. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

D J MCMURRY, COUNTY APPRAISER, PRESENTED INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSIONERS ON CONDUCTING PROTEST HEARINGS BY PHONE; PRATT COUNTY WILL SEND LETTERS TO SCHEDULE HEARINGS BY PHONE BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK; IF AN IN-PERSON HEARING IS PREFERRED THEN IT WILL BE SCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE; STATE OF KANSAS DIVISION OF PROPERTY VALUATION HAS APPROVED THE CHANGE.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD&BRIDGE/LAKE DIRECTOR, TOLD THE COMMISSIONERS THE S.C.K.A.C.E. MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED; SUBMITTED SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR TWO EMPLOYEES; OPENED BIDS FOR TRACTORS AND MOWERS; THEY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

BTI – 4 JOHN DEERE MOWERS	\$81,615
TRADE-IN	-40,000
NET PRICE	\$41,615
KAN-EQUIP – 4 SCHULTE MOWERS	\$72,000
TRADE-IN	-26,000
NET PRICE	\$46,000

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM BTI, PRATT, KS FOR 4 JOHN DEERE MOWERS FOR \$81,615 WITH TRADE-IN OF \$40,000 AND NET PRICE OF \$41,615. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BTI – 4 JOHN DEERE TRACTORS	\$404,133
TRADE-IN	-100,000
NET PRICE	\$304,133
KINCHELOE’S – 4 MASSEY FERGUSON 6715S TRACTORS	\$386,180
TRADE-IN	-78,000
NET PRICE	\$308,180
KAN-EQUIP – 4 CASE IH TRACTORS	\$360,000
TRADE-IN	-31,000
NET PRICE	\$267,000

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM KINCHELOE’S, PRATT, KS TO PURCHASE 4 MASSEY FERGUSON 6715S TRACTORS FOR \$380,180 WITH TRADE-IN OF \$78,000 FOR NET PRICE OF \$308,180. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO ABSTAINED FROM VOTING.

DARCIE VAN DER VYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED SHE IS WORKING ON A PRESS RELEASE BUT THINGS ARE CHANGING QUICKLY; PRESIDENT HAS NOW RECOMMENDED CROWDS OF NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE; PEOPLE CAN CALL THEIR PHYSICIAN OR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY MEET THE KDHE CRITERIA TO BE TESTED; IF THEY TEST POSITIVE THEY CAN SELF QUARANTINE AT HOME; UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS THEY CAN GO TO THE ER; 11 CASES STATEWIDE; NONE IN PRATT COUNTY; CHECK FOR UPDATES ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT’S FACEBOOK PAGE.

SCOTT HARRIS, EMS DIRECTOR, REPORTED HE WILL NOT BE GOING TO VISIT THE PLANT AND SEE WHERE THE NEW AMBULANCE WAS BUILT; HE WILL VISIT AT ANOTHER TIME; SUBMITTED A BID FOR A RADIO FOR THE NEW AMBULANCE; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW KENWOOD RADIO FROM BUCKLIN COMMUNICATIONS FOR \$2458.00. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

GEORGE STEVENS REQUESTED A DONATION OF \$3500 FOR THE ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 4TH AT THE LAKE; IT WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JULY 4TH; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO DONATE \$3500 TO THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 4TH AT THE

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LAKE. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MR. STEVENS SAID THE CITY AND AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS WERE ALSO DONATING \$3500 EACH; HE IS HERE NOW BECAUSE THEY CAN GET A DISCOUNT ON THE FIREWORKS IF THEY ORDER EARLY.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #03-16-2020B AMENDING THE MULTI-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN OF PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REQUESTED A 45 MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 5:50 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 45 MINUTES FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 6:20 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO RETAIN ROBERT SCHMISSEUR AT \$100 PER HOUR AS SPECIAL COUNSEL DUE TO A CONFLICT FOR THE CURRENT COUNTY COUNSELOR. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MARCH 16, 2020. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:45 P.M. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

THOMAS W. JONES III CHAIRMAN

GLENN L. BORHO MEMBER

ATTEST:

SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK

JOE R. REYNOLDS MEMBER

