

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY, MARCH 18, 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.

SHERIFF WHITE DISCUSSED MOLD AND ELECTRICAL ISSUES WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER; SHERIFF WHITE WILL CONTACT THE INSURANCE COMPANY; WILL LOOK AT HOW MANY ISSUES CAN BE DONE AT THE SAME TIME TO SAVE COSTS.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, PRESENTED RESOLUTION NO. 03-11-19 FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN; RESOLUTION WAS PASSED AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING; THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019 7:00 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS THE ANNUAL STORM SPOTTERS MEETING; MARCH 29, 2019 IS A LEPC TABLE TOP MASS EVACUATION EXERCISE FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AT THE 4-H BUILDING.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD & BRIDGE DIRECTOR, DISCUSSED THE BIDS FOR A DUMP TRUCK; COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE A 2020 PETERBUILT DUMP TRUCK FROM DOONAN, GREAT BEND, KS FOR \$103,668. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. DOUG SAID THE TRUCK MAY NOT BE DELIVERED UNTIL 2020.

NANCY SMITH, COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK COORDINATOR, REPORTED ON COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS DURING 2018; 42 PEOPLE COMPLETED THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK HOURS WITH A TOTAL OF 2,257 HOURS COMPLETED; WORKSITES IN 2018 INCLUDED PRATT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, RSVP, PRATT COUNTY FOOD BANK, COMMODITY DISTRIBUTIONS, PRATT AREA HUMANE SOCIETY, PRATT RECYCLING CENTER, PRATT COUNTY LAKE, THE HOPE CENTER, PRATT HEALTH FOUNDATION, GOODWILL, SOUTHWIND THRIFT SHOP, RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES, PASS IT FORWARD MINISTRIES, COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER, LEMON PARK LIGHTS AND SALVATION ARMY; CURRENTLY THERE ARE 44 OPEN COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK FILES; COUNTY ATTORNEY – 20 OPEN FILES; SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – 12 OPEN FILES; COURT SERVICES – 12 OPEN FILES; RECENTLY WORKED AT SENIOR COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION MARCH 12 AND WILL HELP WITH DCF COMMODITIES ON MARCH 27TH.

TRACY PETZ, RSVP, SUBMITTED CHECKS THAT THE COMMISSIONERS SIGNED.

DARCIE VAN DER VYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED THEY ARE WORKING ON PREPAREDNESS; START MEETING WITH STAFF TO GO OVER PLANS.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 03-18-19 FOR SETTING LANDFILL FEES. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH CHARLES M. THIMESCH, D/B/A CLEAN CUT LAWN SERVICE, FOR MOWING THE COURTHOUSE AND LEC LAWNS. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, SAID THAT HE AND SCOTT HARRIS, EMS DIRECTOR, HAD EXCHANGED E-MAILS REGARDING WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPENSES AT THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT WHEN SOMEONE INVOLVED IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY; CAN BE AN EXPENSIVE ISSUE.

COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED ONE BID FOR FERTILIZING THE COURTHOUSE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER LAWNS; YOUNIE LAWNSCAPES, PRATT, KS \$844 FOR FOUR (4) ROUNDS OF FERTILIZER; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR FERTILIZING THE COURTHOUSE AND LEC LAWNS TO YOUNIE LAWNSCAPES, PRATT, KS FOR \$844. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MARCH 18, 2019. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, STATED A PETITION WAS FILED SEEKING VACATION OF A COUNTY ROAD LYING BETWEEN AND ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH HALF (S/2) OF SECTION 32-26-14 AND NORTH HALF (N/2) SECTION 5-27-14 KNOWN AS NORTHWEST 60TH STREET; AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTY CLERK NOTICES WERE SENT TO LANDOWNERS AND PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLISHED ACCORDING TO K.S.A. 68-101; MR. SCHMISSEUR REPORTED HE HAD RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM SCOTT RANDLE THAT HE DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL; RECEIVED A LETTER FROM STEVE MAECHTLEN, PRESIDENT OF GREAT PLAINS ALFALFA, INC WHO WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF CLOSING THE ROAD.

CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION TO VACATE PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS NORTHWEST 60TH STREET SUBMITTED BY JOE BERRY AND JEFF BERRY; GORDON STULL SPOKE ON BEHALF OF BERRYS AND DEFERS TO HIS CLIENTS; JOE BERRY SPOKE ON THE MAIN CONCERN IS POTENTIAL OF SEMIS HITTING EACH OTHER WHEN CUTTING CROPS; STATED THERE WAS FORMERLY A CLOSED ROAD SIGN ON THE ROAD; PLAT MAP SHOWS THE ROAD ENDS AT MARION STROBEL'S OIL WELL; TWO PREVIOUS ROAD SUPERVISORS SAID THE COUNTY COULD NOT MAINTAIN IT BECAUSE IT WAS PRIVATE PROPERTY; JEFF & JOE BERRY SAID THEY HAVE GRADED THE ROAD DOZENS OF TIMES; PRESENTED PICTURES OF THE ROAD; ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, SAID SOME OF THE ROAD RECORDS WERE DESTROYED IN THE COURTHOUSE FIRE; BERRYS SAID THEY ASSUMED IT WAS THEIR ROAD SINCE ROAD CLOSED SIGN WAS ON IT IN THE 1970S; COMMISSIONER BORHO SAID A LOT OF COUNTY ROADS ARE NARROW; COMMISSIONER JONES ASKED WHY THE COUNTY WAS NOT CONTACTED TO PUT THE SIGN BACK UP; COMMISSIONER BORHO SAID SOME ROADS POST SPECIFIC SIGNS FOR MINIMUM MAINTENANCE; PUBLIC IGNORES SIGNS ON COUNTY ROADS; BERRYS THINK THE ROAD IS UNSAFE THAT IS WHY THEY PETITIONED TO HAVE IT CLOSED AND PUT UP SIGNS; DISCUSSION ON TAKING ANOTHER ROUTE; TOM SCHNITTKER ONLY LOOKING FOR ACCESS TO THE ROAD; JOHN STROBEL SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MARION AND ANNA STROBEL, NEED TO KEEP THE ROAD OPEN FOR ACCESS TO OIL WELL; PRESENTED PICTURES AND GOOGLE MAP; SOUTHERN PIONEER ALSO NEEDS ACCESS; BLAKE HIMMELWRIGHT SAID HE HAD BEEN USING THE ROAD SINCE 1982 AND HE SHARES STEVE MAECHTLEN'S OPINION IN HIS LETTER; ALWAYS BEEN TREATED AS A COUNTY ROAD; IT WAS SUGGESTED EVERYONE COULD USE THE ROAD AND DURING HARVEST ALL GO IN ONE DIRECTION TO AVOID ACCIDENTS; THAT IS DONE IN KIOWA COUNTY AND EDWARDS COUNTY; MATT WOOSTER WORKS FOR STOTTS AND HARVEST IS ONLY A DAY; ANOTHER ISSUE IS THAT A BIG TREE BLOCKS THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT NW 80TH AVE & NW 70TH ST; DOUG FREUND, ROAD & BRIDGE DIRECTOR, SAID THE ROAD IS DRAGGED TWICE A YEAR DURING WHEAT HARVEST AND CORN HARVEST; DOUG SAID HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION IT WAS BEING DONE; CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 6:00 P.M. TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. EACH COMMISSIONER WILL VIEW THE ROAD AND ON APRIL 8TH AT 5:30 P.M. THERE WILL

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BE FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE PETITION TO CLOSE THE ROAD. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE ANNA STROBEL, MARION STROBEL, JOHN STROBEL, ERIC STROBEL, GORDON STULL, KENT DEUTSCH, KEVIN MELVIN, DICK HEMPHILL, BLAKE HIMMELWRIGHT, MEGAN SHERER, MATTHEW WOOSTER, JEFF BERRY, JOE BERRY AND TOM SCHNITTKER.

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY ON EAST HIGHWAY 54 FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION AT 7:10 P.M. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JOE R. REYNOLDS CHAIRMAN

GLENNA L. BORHO MEMBER

ATTEST:

SHERRY KRUSE
COUNTY CLERK

TOM JONES MEMBER