

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION ROOM, COURTHOUSE, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID L. WARD, GLENNA L. BORHO AND JOE R. REYNOLDS. ALSO PRESENT WERE ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, GALE ROSE, PRATT TRIBUNE REPORTER AND SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL/RECYCLING MANAGER, ASKED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 4:00 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIVE MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:05 P.M. WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. JASON REPORTED THE 963D HAD A HYDRAULIC HOSE BREAK; ROCK CRUSHER CLOSE TO BEING DONE; GROUND IS DRYING OUT AT THE LANDFILL; DISCUSSED REPLACING THE FENCE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER; JASON WILL GET ESTIMATES ON REPAIRS OR REPLACING THE FENCE; THERE IS A SECTION AT THE LANDFILL THAT THERE IS NO CHAIN LINK FENCE THAT HE WILL GET AN ESTIMATE ON ALSO.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD AND BRIDGE DIRECTOR, TOLD THE COMMISSIONERS HE WAS CONTACTED BY BARBER COUNTY ABOUT A WOODEN BRIDGE ON THE COUNTY LINE THAT NEEDS ATTENTION; THE BRIDGE DOES NOT SHOW ON ANY RECORDS WE HAVE; IT IS A SMALL FIVE TON BRIDGE; NEED TO FIND OUT WHOSE SCHEDULE IT SHOULD BE ON; CUTTING TREES AT THE LAKE; GATE HAS BEEN INSTALLED TO THE ISLAND AT THE LAKE; HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM KIRKHAM MICHAEL ENGINEERS ON THE POST CONSTRUCTION ROAD REVIEW IN THE AREA OF THE WIND FARM; REPORTED ON SCKACE MEETING.

ROBERT TORRES, NOXIOUS WEED/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, DISCUSSED PARTTIME EMPLOYEE; RADIO ADS STILL WORKING.

TERRY AND MICHELLE GATLIN DISCUSSED THEIR APPLICATION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM; D J MCMURRY, COUNTY APPRAISER, STATED THAT THE PROGRAM HAS EXPIRED AS OF MARCH 31, 2017; THE PROGRAM WILL NEED TO BE RENEWED BY ALL TAXING ENTITIES; SOME TAXING ENTITIES MAY NOT WANT TO RENEW; COMMISSIONER BORHO SAID THE PROGRAM HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR PRATT COUNTY; ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, WILL REVIEW PREVIOUS INFORMATION AND START THE PROCESS; IT WILL NOT AFFECT ANY PROJECTS ALREADY IN THE PROGRAM.

MARK MCMANAMAN, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, PRESENTED BIDS FOR REPLACING THE RECORDING EQUIPMENT IN DISPATCH AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER; VOICE PRODUCTS INC., WICHITA, KS IS \$24,980; APPLIED DIGITAL SOLUTIONS, LOUISVILLE, KY \$33,338.02; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE 911 ACCOUNT; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE 911 RECORDING EQUIPMENT FROM VOICE PRODUCTS INC., FOR \$24,980 FOR DISPATCH IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MARK REPORTED AMBULANCE #3 IS DOWN.

JIMMY WHITE, SHERIFF, ASKED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 5:05 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TWO MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE

MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 5:07 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. JIMMY DISCUSSED A CHANGE TO THE WORK SCHEDULE FOR DETENTION EMPLOYEES.

DARCIE VAN DER VYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED THE WIC CONFERENCE WAS WORTHWHILE; WIC IS DOWN ACROSS THE NATION; PARTICIPATED IN KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP, TALKED WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PRATT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH FAIR; TRAINING IS GOING WELL ON THE NIGHTENGALE NOTES PROGRAM; HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 24, 2017 TO ATTEND THE GOVERNORS CONFERENCE IN MANHATTAN, KS FOR TRAINING; DARCIE SAID SHE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY KDHE ABOUT SACRED HEART CLOSING THEIR DAYCARE; PRATT HAS A DESPERATE NEED FOR A DAY CARE CENTER; FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WAS GOING TO OPEN A DAYCARE BUT COSTLY CHANGES ARE NEEDED TO THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2017 MEETING. CHAIRMAN WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO ABSTAINED FROM VOTING SINCE SHE WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE MEETING.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR APRIL 10, 2017. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JIM LINDQUIST, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-EXTENSION FIELD OPERATIONS, MARY SULLIVAN, DIRECTOR-EXTENSION SOUTHWEST AREA OFFICE, GARDEN CITY, MARK PLOGER, JODI DRAKE, PRATT COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS, AND PRATT COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, MET WITH THE COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS EXTENSION DISTRICTING; MR. LINDQUIST PRESENTED INFORMATION ON FORMING AN EXTENSION DISTRICT; IN 1991 THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE PASSED THE KANSAS EXTENSION DISTRICT LAW TO ALLOW TWO OR MORE COUNTIES TO JOIN TOGETHER TO FORM AN EXTENSION DISTRICT; IN 1995 THE FIRST DISTRICT WAS FORMED; PROVIDES GREATER EFFECTIVENESS AND OPPORTUNITY TO SPECIALIZE AND SUSTAIN INTO THE FUTURE; 48 COUNTIES HAVE FORMED DISTRICTS; ELLIS AND BARTON COUNTY WILL DISTRICT ON JULY 1, 2017; WILSON COUNTY SIGNED PAPERWORK TODAY TO JOIN WILDCAT DISTRICT; CONVERSATIONS ABOUT DISTRICTING ALL OVER THE STATE; RENO AND KINGMAN COUNTIES ARE IN SERIOUS TALKS ABOUT FORMING A DISTRICT; SINCE THE COUNTY TAX LID HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE IT IS CREATING MORE DISCUSSIONS; IN 1999 THE CAP ON THE EXTENSION LEVY WAS REMOVED; NO CAP AT THE PRESENT TIME; USE COMBINED VALUATION OF ALL COUNTIES IN THE DISTRICT FOR TAXING LEVY; COMMISSIONERS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING NO CONTROL OVER THE LEVY; DISTRICT CAN OWN THEIR OWN BUILDINGS; EACH COUNTY CAN RETAIN THEIR OWN BUILDING; COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM EACH OF THE COUNTIES WOULD APPOINT FOUR MEMBERS WITH FOUR YEAR TERMS; MEMBERS ARE ELECTED EVERY FOUR YEARS IN ODD NUMBER YEARS WITH NO TERM LIMITS; FOCUS ON SPECIALIZED AGENTS; 4-H PROGRAMS ARE JUST AS STRONG IF NOT STRONGER; STILL HAVE LOCAL COUNTY FAIRS; CAN WITHDRAW FROM THE DISTRICT IF EVERYONE AGREES AND RECREATE A LOCAL DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

April 10, 2017

DAVID L. WARD CHAIRMAN

GLENN L. BORHO MEMBER

JOE R. REYNOLDS MEMBER

ATTEST:

SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK