

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COURTHOUSE 3RD FLOOR COURTROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES, GLENNA L. BORHO AND JOE R. REYNOLDS. TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR AND SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REMINDED EVERYONE THE MEETING WAS BEING STREAMED OVER ZOOM AND TO PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME WHEN SPEAKING; MARK GRABER WILL WATCH FOR ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD&BRIDGE/LAKE SUPERVISOR AND TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, DISCUSSED A TORNADO SHELTER AT THE LAKE; TIM SAID THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR A FEMA/KDEM GRANT WITH A 75/25 MATCH; TIM WAS NOTIFIED THAT FUNDING WAS NOW AVAILABLE FOR A 12'X16'8'H SHELTER THAT WOULD HOLD 30-40 PEOPLE; COST WOULD RUN APPROXIMATELY \$57,000 AND COUNTY PORTION WOULD BE \$15,000; IF THE COUNTY IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE SHELTER THE CITY OF IUKA IS; TIM SAID WE NEED TO LET KDEM KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; DISCUSSED LOCATION OF THE SHELTER; RIGHT NOW IT WOULD HAVE A 12" CONCRETE PAD BUT PROBABLY NEEDS TO BE HIGHER SINCE THAT IS IN A FLOOD PLAIN; COMMISSIONER BORHO THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE CLOSE TO THE CAMPSITES; DOUG SAID THE MATCH COULD COME FROM THE LAKE FUND AFTER REIMBURSEMENT FROM FEMA ON THE ROCK FROM LAST YEARS FLOODING; WE NEED TO ANSWER SEVERAL QUESTIONS BEFORE DECIDING TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT; LOCATION; WHO WOULD HAVE A KEY TO OPEN IT DURING A STORM; HOW DO OTHER COMMUNITIES HANDLE MAKING SURE IT IS OPEN; IT WOULD BE RATED AN EF5 SHELTER; TIM SAID THE \$57,000 IS FOR A TURN-KEY PROJECT; TIM WILL CHECK WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES WITH SIMILAR SHELTERS AND COME BACK NEXT WEEK.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR AND MIKE TIBBETTS, COMMUNICATIONS, DISCUSSED THE STORM SIREN AT WILDLIFE, PARKS & TOURISM THAT WAS DAMAGED BY LIGHTNING; CIRCUIT BOARD REPLACEMENT IS \$9877; SPEAKER IS OUT; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED HOW MUCH A NEW ONE COST? TIM SAID A NEW ONE IS \$12,000; MIKE SAID HE CAN DO THE REPAIRS WITH AFTER MARKET PARTS FOR ABOUT \$5000; WOULD BE ANOTHER \$1000 FOR BUCKET TRUCK AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO GET IT REPAIRED; CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN THERE AND TIM SAID ABOUT 12 YEARS; COMMISSIONER BORHO STATED IT MAKES SENSE TO DO IT IN HOUSE; TIM SAID RIGHT NOW THERE ARE 3 HORNS FACING EAST, WEST AND SOUTH BUT THEY DO NOT ROTATE; DISCUSSED HAVING ONE FACING NORTH ALSO; TIM SAID WE COULD GET MIKE STARTED WORKING ON IT SINCE STORM SEASON IS HERE; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REPAIRS TO THE STORM SIREN AT THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, PARKS AND TOURISM WITH FOUR DIRECTIONAL HORNS NOT TO EXCEED \$7000. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. TIM SAID HE CONTINUES TO ATTEND DAILY CALLS WITH KDEM; STATE STILL HAS LIMITED RESOURCES; STILL LOOKING FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT.

ROBERT TORRES, NOXIOUS WEED/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, REPORTED THEY HAVE FINISHED SPRAYING BARE GROUND; WAITING FOR THE NOXIOUS WEEDS TO GROW SO THEY CAN SPRAY; CLEANING UP AROUND THE LANDFILL.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2020 MEETING. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN JONES SIGNED THE BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD RENEWAL EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020.

LINDA ADELHARDT, PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT LIVING, DISCUSSED MONTHLY AND YEARLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY HELPING THEM FINANCIALLY; THEY SHOULD OPEN THEIR DOORS AGAIN ON MAY 4, 2020; STILL IN BUSINESS BUT THEIR DOORS ARE CLOSED; HELPING CLIENTS OVER THE PHONE AND COMPUTER; HELPED TWO CLIENTS GET JOBS AT DILLONS; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED WHAT THEY WERE ASKING THE COUNTY FOR? LINDA SAID THEY ARE OPERATING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK AND COULD USE HELP WITH RENT; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED WHAT THEIR ACTUAL RENT IS AND LINDA SAID \$650 PLUS \$200 FOR UTILITIES; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN AROUND AND LINDA SAID OVER 12 YEARS; GRANTS DO HELP PAY SOME EXPENSES; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED IF THEY HAD SAVINGS OR ENDOWMENT FUNDS AND LINDA SAID THEY DO NOT BUT ARE TRYING TO DO SOME FUND RAISING; THEY COVER PRATT, BARBER AND STAFFORD COUNTIES; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS ASKED IF THEY GET ANY HELP FROM THE OTHER COUNTIES AND LINDA SAID THEY ARE PLANNING ON TALKING TO THEM; COMMISSIONERS WILL CONSIDER THEIR REQUEST DURING THE 2021 BUDGET SESSION.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION FROM LAST WEEK TO CHANGE THE REQUESTED AMOUNT FOR MARKET 54 CDBG LOAN FUNDS TO \$10,000. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DARCIE VAN DER VYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED SHE IS STILL ATTENDING DAILY WEBINARS; REPORTED THERE IS A HERO RELIEF PROGRAM FOR FIRST LINE RESPONDERS TO GET REIMBURSED FOR DAY CARE NEEDS; DARCIE SAID SHE JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND NEEDS TO GET MORE INFORMATION; KDHE HAS EXPANDED COVID-19 TESTING IN FIVE COUNTIES; PRATT COUNTY IS IN THE MIDDLE OF TWO HOT SPOTS, SEDGWICK AND FORD COUNTIES; FORD COUNTY HAS 187 CASES, 74 OF THOSE FROM THE PACKING PLANT; HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY GUIDANCE ON SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS; STATEWIDE 1987 CASES; PRATT COUNTY HAS 3 PENDING CASES; NO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS BETWEEN COUNTIES; ROOFERS FINISHED REPLACING THE ROOF ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OVER THE WEEKEND; ASKED FOR A TEN MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 4:48 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTION PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:58 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONERS THANKED DARCIE AND HER STAFF FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REQUESTED A FIFTEEN MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:59 P.M. FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:14 P.M. WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REPORTED HE HAS NOT REACHED OUT TO KEVIN COWAN, GILMORE & BELL, YET PENDING THE COMMISSIONERS DECIDING WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT; WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WHERE ARE WE GOING; COMMISSIONER BORHO REPORTED WAYNE SCRITCHFIELD, KIRKHAM MICHAEL, IS ASKING ABOUT PROCEEDING WITH THE WATER MAIN LINE; CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED SHOULD WE GO FORWARD OR

WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE COVID-19 IS OVER? COMMISSIONER BORHO STATED WE MAY GET BETTER BIDS BECAUSE OF IT; CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED IF WE REALLY WANT TO BRING IN PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTY? COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS STATED THERE IS NO BETWEEN COUNTIES BAN; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SAID WE STILL NEED WATER TO THE SITE SINCE THE LOTS ARE FOR SALE TO OTHER BUSINESSES; TYSON EISENHAUER SAID WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE BEST BIDS; NEED TO ADDRESS THAT THE PUBLIC IS TALKING ABOUT THINGS WE HAVEN'T EVEN DECIDED YET; ARCHITECTS ESTIMATE WAS ON THE HIGHER END AND COULD GET CHEAPER NOW BECAUSE OF COVID-19; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SAID WE NEED TO HAVE A PUBLIC MEETING AND PUT OUT THE CORRECT INFORMATION; COMMISSIONER BORHO WANTED TO AT LEAST PROCEED WITH THE WATER MAIN; COMMISSIONERS AGREED TO PROCEED WITH BIDS FOR THE WATER MAIN; COMMISSIONER BORHO WILL CONTACT WAYNE SCRITCHFIELD; CHAIRMAN JONES SAID WE ALSO NEED THE DEPARTMENT HEADS INVOLVED TO EXPLAIN THEIR BUILDING NEEDS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS; WE ARE NOT TRYING TO HIDE ANYTHING; COMMISSIONERS AGREED TO HAVE A PHYSICAL MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY CAN.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR APRIL 20, 2020. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:45 P.M. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

THOMAS W. JONES III CHAIRMAN

GLENNA L. BORHO MEMBER

LORI VOSS, DEPUTY CLERK

JOE R. REYNOLDS MEMBER