

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY, APRIL 24, 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 GALE ROSE, PRATT TRIBUNE REPORTER AND SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK. COUNTY COUNSELOR, ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, WAS ABSENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CATHERINE ROHRER, SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR, ASKED THAT CHAIRMAN WARD RE-SIGN DOCUMENTS THAT WERE SIGNED LAST WEEK.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD AND BRIDGE DIRECTOR, REPORTED THE GRINDER IN THE FISH CLEANING STATION HAS BEEN REPAIRED; ONE SEWER PUMP NEEDS TO BE REBUILT; SEAL KIT FOR REPAIRS IS \$1300 PLUS LABOR; THE TEMPORARY STOP SIGN AT SE 60<sup>TH</sup> ST AND SE 120<sup>TH</sup> AVE HAS BEEN REMOVED; MAY 8, 9 AND 10, 2017 IS THE KANSAS COUNTY HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN SALINA; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH DEWAYNE BRYAN, PRATT HEALTH FOUNDATION, AND HE WAS GOING TO SEE IF OTHER DEPARTMENTS COULD HELP WITH RENTING THE KAYAKS; DOUG RECOMMENDED IF THEY ARE GOING TO REVISIT THE ISSUE THAT THEY BE PUT ON THE RIVER INSTEAD OF IN THE LAKE; COMMISSIONER BORHO SUGGESTED TWO DAYS A WEEK AND DO A TRIAL RUN THIS YEAR; WILL STILL NEED TO PROVIDE LIFE JACKETS AND OARS; CHAIRMAN WARD SAID IF THEY ARE JUST ON THE RIVER THAT WOULD MAKE THE FISHERMAN HAPPY AND NO ROCKS FOR THE KAYAKS TO RUN INTO; DOUG SAID THE COST OF THE LIFE JACKETS AND OARS IS APPROXIMATELY \$600.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS AT THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED: TED LOOMIS, CHAIRMAN; MORGAN TRINKLE, VICE-CHAIRMAN; RICK SHRIVER, SECRETARY; NO NEWS ON THE PROPOSED WIND FARM IN SOUTHWEST PRATT COUNTY.

MARK MCMANAMAN, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, ASKED FOR A TEN MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 4:20 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:30 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MARK DISCUSSED THE 1989 FORD FIRE TRUCK; THE FIRE TRUCK WOULD SERVE THE CAIRO AREA THE BEST AND SKYLAND GRAIN IS WILLING TO HOUSE THE FIRE TRUCK; IT WOULD REMAIN COUNTY EQUIPMENT; IF AFTER A COUPLE OF YEARS IT IS NOT USED THEN MAY CONSIDER SELLING IT; COMMISSIONERS AGREED.

BOB WETMORE, CO-DIRECTOR OF GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT INC. AND PAUL OLSEN, FIELD SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, MET WITH THE COMMISSIONERS FOR AN UPDATE ON FUNDING FOR PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE SEWER, WATER, HOUSING AND DEMOLITION; PRATT COUNTY PROJECTS ALL ARE CURRENT ON PAYMENTS; PRATT COUNTY BUSINESSES CAN USE FUNDS TO START UP OR ASSIST CURRENT BUSINESSES; TO QUALIFY ENTITIES HAVE TO MEET THE LOW TO MODERATE INCOME LEVEL; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED IF MONEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR A MOVIE THEATRE; MR. WETMORE SAID IF IT IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IT IS NOT ELIGIBLE; CHAIRMAN WARD SIGNED THE GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT INC. MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE 2017 COUNTY MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$2422.75 TO GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT INC. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TRACEY BEVERLIN, COUNTY ATTORNEY, DISCUSSED COLLABORATIVE ISSUES ON THE DRUG PROBLEM IN PRATT; HAVING MONTHLY MEETING WITH CONCERNED CITIZENS, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, DCCA, CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HORIZONS MENTAL HEALTH; WILL BE DEVELOPING POLICIES THRU THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THEN WORKING WITH THE TEAM TO REVIEW; PLAN TO WORK WITH OFFENDERS IN PLACE OF JAIL TIME; IF AN OFFENDER HAS NO PREVIOUS OFFENSES OR ONE OR TWO MINOR OFFENSES THEY COULD GET HELP BEFORE IT BECOMES A HABITUAL PROBLEM; POLICIES COULD INCLUDE LONGER PROBATION ; DRUG COURT COULD BE IN THE FUTURE; PRELIMINARY HEARINGS AND TRIALS SCHEDULED FOR MAY AND JUNE; TRACEY SAID SHE IS DOING CRIMINAL CASES AND MISDEMEANERS AND JAN JORNS IS TAKING CARE OF TRAFFIC CASES; THEY ARE SPLITTING JUVENILE CASES; CHILD IN NEED OF CARE CASES LAST A LONG TIME; WORKING WITH THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ON BURGLARY CASES; TRACEY SAID SHE IS LIKING THE ARRANGMENT OF MOVING THE OFFICE; SECRETARY STAFF IS MORE INDEPENDENT AND MORE EFFICIENT USE OF SECRETARIES; SINCE SHE WILL BE HIRING ONE PARTTIME SECRETARY TRACEY WANTS THE LEFTOVER MONEY TO GO TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S SALARY; CHAIRMAN WARD ASKED ABOUT THE OFFICE SPACE CHARGE ON THE BUDGET; TRACEY SAID IT WAS FOR SUPPORT OF SECRETARY STAFF NOT RENT; LINDSAY COX WAS VERY EFFECTIVE IN TRAINING HER AND HER STAFF ON THE SOFTWARE; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS ASKED ABOUT THE CONFLICT CASES AND THAT \$6000 HAD ALREADY BEEN SPENT; TRACEY SAID SHE USED GATEN WOOD BECAUSE OF THE FORMER PROSECUTOR; TRACEY SAID THIS IS HER FULL-TIME JOB WITH NO PRIVATE CASE LOAD AND SHE DOESN'T INTEND ON TAKING ON ANY NEW PRIVATE CASES; COMMISSIONER BORHO SUGGESTED THAT TRACEY LOOK OVER THE BUDGET AND MAKE SURE SHE WOULD NOT GO OVER BUDGET BY ADDING THE ADDITIONAL MONEY TO HER SALARY.

JIMMY WHITE, SHERIFF, DISCUSSED THE ESTIMATE ON REPAIRS OF WATER AND SEWER LINES AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER; PURCHASE OF NEW CAR ON HOLD SINCE CAMERA EQUIPMENT IS AN ADDITIONAL \$5000; CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS CHANGED THEIR RADIO CHANNEL AND THEY CANNOT HEAR THEM ANYMORE; WILL COST \$7000 TO UPGRADE VEHICLE RADIOS.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2017.  
COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE BETWEEN PRATT COUNTY AND JOHN SWINDLER TO FARM CROPLAND OWNED BY PRATT COUNTY. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH CHARLES THIMESCH FOR MOWING THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE FOR \$900 A MONTH. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR APRIL 24, 2017.  
COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 7:00 P.M. TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017 AT 11:00 A.M. AT CITY HALL FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COMMISSIONERS.  
COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

April 24, 2017

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DAVID L. WARD      CHAIRMAN

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GLENN L. BORHO      MEMBER

ATTEST:

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SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK

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JOE R. REYNOLDS      MEMBER