

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY, MAY 8, 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.

ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, DISCUSSED THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH KDOT ON THE WATER WELL AT CAIRO; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS AND PRATT COUNTY FOR JOINT USE OF THE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY FOR A WATER WELL AT CAIRO KDOT PROJECT #54-76 K-8243-02. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, ASKED IF THE COMMISSIONERS HAD REVIEWED THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS HE GAVE THEM LAST WEEK; COMMISSIONER BORHO SAID SHE HAD NOT HAD A CHANCE TO READ THEM OVER; TIM WILL COME BACK NEXT WEEK; FARM EQUIPMENT HAD A HYDRAULIC HOSE LEAK IN FRONT OF THE FAIRGROUNDS ON SATURDAY; NO MORE INFORMATION ON THE GAS LEAK AT PRESTON; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED THAT TIM KEEP ON IT TO FIGURE OUT WHO OWNS THE WELL; ATTENDED THE PRATT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH FAIR ON SATURDAY FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 10:00 A.M. IT WAS BUSY; DURING THE LAST HOUR NOT MANY PEOPLE WERE THERE.

THAD HENRY, TIM KUHN, MADELINE MARTIN AND PAULA BLASI, PRATT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MET WITH THE COMMISSIONERS TO PRESENT THEIR 2018 BUDGET REQUEST OF \$35,000 SAME AS LAST YEAR; THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT IS 62% OF THEIR INCOME FOR THE YEAR; CHAIRMAN WARD ASKED HOW THE PUBLIC HAS REACTED TO CHARGING; MR. HENRY SAID THEY HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE NEGATIVE REACTION; BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR IS BREAK EVEN; NEED TO GENERATE SOME CASH EACH YEAR FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS; MEMORIAL MONEY HAS BEEN OK THIS YEAR BUT LAST YEAR WAS \$11,000 TO \$12,000; HARTMAN EXHIBIT HAS GENERATED MORE INTEREST.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #05-08-2017 ESTABLISHING ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECESSED MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2017 AND THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2017. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JIMMY WHITE, SHERIFF, REPORTED THAT WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THIS WEEK KBI AND SWAT WILL BE HERE DOING TRAINING.

THE COMMISSIONERS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS TAXING ENTITIES TO DISCUSS THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM. THOSE PRESENT WERE REID BELL, PRATT AIRPORT AUTHORITY, DOUG MEYER, CITY COMMISSIONER, RICH SANDERS, TOWNSHIP #12 TRUSTEE, JACK GALLE, COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD, K C JORNS, TOWNSHIP #6 TRUSTEE, JESSE MERCER, PRESTON CITY MAYOR, LUCUS KUMBERG, PRATT CITY MAYOR, BECCA FLOWERS, USD #438 SUPERINTENDENT, ROY ECKERT, PRATT CITY MANAGER, REGINA GOFF, PRATT CITY ATTORNEY, KENT ADAMS, PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE VICE-PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS, TIFFANY AILSTOCK, COATS CITY MAYOR,

SUZAN PATTON, USD #382 SUPERINTENDENT, STAN BROWN, TOWNSHIP #6 TREASURER, DR. MIKE CALVERT, PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT. ROBERT SCHMISSEUR, COUNTY COUNSELOR, GAVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM; INTENDED TO HELP THE BLIGHTED AREAS OF THE COUNTY; THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN ENCOURAGING BUSINESSES IN PRATT COUNTY; CURRENT PROGRAM ENDED MARCH 31, 2017 AND HAVE NOT FOUND ANY INFORMATION THAT IT CANNOT BE RETROACTIVE; LAST PROGRAM INCLUDED A LIMIT ON NEW RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OF \$200,000; MR. SCHMISSEUR ASKED IF THAT WAS SOMETHING WE CAN LIVE WITH? D J MCMURRY, COUNTY APPRAISER, EXPLAINED THERE ARE TWO PROGRAMS ON RESIDENTIAL; ONE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND ONE FOR BUYING A CURRENT HOME AND RENOVATING OR DEMOLISHING A CURRENT HOME AND BUILDING; COMMISSIONER BORHO STATED SHE DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANY NEED TO HAVE A CAP; \$200,000 IS ON THE LOWER END OF HOUSING TODAY AND GENERATES MORE MONEY FOR THE TAXING ENTITIES EVENTUALLY; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SAID THE CAP DOES NOT KEEP PEOPLE FROM BUILDING NEW HOMES AND WAS CONCERNED IF PRATT HAD ANYTHING HAPPEN LIKE GREENSBURG; MR. GALLE SAID IT BENEFITS THE COUNTY TO NOT HAVE A CAP; LUCUS KUMBERG SAID IT IS A CONCENSUS THAT WE WANT THE PROGRAM AND IT IS A VALUE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO STAY IN THE COMMUNITY; ROY ECKERT SAID IT ALSO HELPS TRADE BUSINESSES TO BUILD A HOUSE AND IF THEY ARE NOT WORKING HERE THEY HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE; MR. SCHMISSEUR SAID AFTER SEARCHING THE INTERNET IT SHOWED COMMUNITIES HAVE PROGRAMS THAT ONLY REBATE FOR FIVE YEARS; NUMBER OF YEARS OR PERCENTAGES CAN BE PART OF THE CONSIDERATION; SUZAN PATTON SAID THEY HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE PROGRAM BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE TEN YEARS THEY DO PAY TAXES; BECCA FLOWERS SAID THEY SUPPORT IT AS A LONG TERM INVESTMENT; REID BELL SAID THE AIRPORT SUPPORTS THE PROGRAM AS WELL; MR. SCHMISSEUR ASKED IF ANYONE PRESENT DOES NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE? ALL PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED JESSE MERCER, PRESTON CITY MAYOR, IF PRESTON WOULD SUPPORT IT AND HE SAID HE WAS IN FAVOR; RICH SANDERS SAID HE SUPPORTS THE PROGAM AND HAS WORKED WITH PEOPLE AND EVERYONE HAS BEEN PLEASED AND PERSONALLY HE DOES NOT THINK THERE SHOULD BE A CAP; D J MCMURRY SUGGESTED THAT THE REHAB PROJECTS BE RAISED FROM \$15,000 TO \$25,000 FOR FIRST EIGHT YEARS AT 95% AND LAST TWO YEARS AT 50% TO HELP CLEAN UP OLDER AREAS; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION THAT THE SAME RULES APPLY FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM AS PRINTED ON PAGE 3 AND THE ASSESSED VALUE HAVE NO CAP AND KEEPING THE PERCENTAGES THE SAME AND REHAB PROJECTS BE CHANGED TO \$25,000 WITH FIRST EIGHT YEARS AT 95% AND LAST TWO YEARS AT 50%. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MR. SCHMISSEUR DISCUSSED THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND TOLD THE TAXING ENTITIES THEY EACH NEED TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE PAGE 1C OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM TO \$10,000 FOR A MINIMUM INVESTMENT TO RECEIVE THE TAX REBATE PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. TAXING ENTITIES PRESENT WERE GIVEN SAMPLES OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MAY 8, 2017. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:40 P.M. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

May 8, 2017

DAVID L. WARD CHAIRMAN

GLENN L. BORHO MEMBER

ATTEST:

SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK

JOE R. REYNOLDS MEMBER