

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION, IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR IN THE COURTHOUSE. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES AND JOE R. REYNOLDS. TYSON EISENHAEUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR AND LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK, WERE ALSO PRESENT. ALSO, PRESENT WERE DOUG REH, RYAN LUNT, JACK KENNEDY, DWIGHT ADAMS, DALE WITHERS, ELDON FORD, ROBIN PATTON, BERRY BORTZ AND KELLY MCMURPHY, LANDMARK.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

DOUG REH CALLED THE PBC MEETING TO ORDER WITH RYAN LUNT, SECRETARY AND JACK KENNEDY, PRESIDENT, PRESENT. RYAN READ THE JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES. DOUG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS READ, RYAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

KEVIN COWAN, GILMORE & BELL WAS CALLED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS PRESENTED BY THE PBC BOARD CONCERNING THE BOND PROCESS. HE EXPLAINED THE FIRST STEP IS TO AUTHORIZE PROCEEDINGS BY PASSING THE INTENT RESOLUTION TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED \$7.8, THE RESOLUTION WILL HAVE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL PAPER FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, AT THIS TIME THE BANKS CAN BE CONTACTED TO ISSUE BONDS. THIS COULD TAKE AN AVERAGE OF 45-60 DAYS, COULD BE SOONER IF LOCAL BANKS ARE INTERESTED. DOUG ASKED IF THEY SIGNED THE RESOLUTION DOES THAT TIE THE PBC INTO THE WHOLE AMOUNT OF \$7.8, KEVIN SAID IT DID NOT. AFTER RECEIVING BIDS, THE PBC HAS THE FINAL CALL ON THE AMOUNT OF THE BONDS THAT WILL NEED TO BE ISSUED.

ROBIN PATTON QUESTIONED IF IT WAS URGENT TO PROCEED SINCE INTEREST RATES ARE LOW BUT HAVE BEEN LOW AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO STAY THAT WAY. KEVIN STATED THEY WERE AT RECORD LOWS RIGHT NOW, HE FEELS WITH THE LOWER INTEREST RATES AND CONTRACTORS LOOKING FOR PROJECTS NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO PROCEED. ROBIN STATED HE WAS UPSET THERE WAS NO PUBLIC INPUT AND A DISREGARD FOR PUBLIC OPINION.

BERRY BORTZ AGREES SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE, BUT HE COMPARED FORD COUNTY EMS TO OUR BUILDING, QUESTIONED WHY WE NEEDED SUCH A LARGE FACILITY AND HOPES THE BIDS COME IN MUCH LOWER AND WOULD LIKE THE COMMISSIONERS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS SPENT.

RYAN LUNT GAVE INFORMATION ON OTHER FACILITIES HE HAD RESEARCHED. DOUG REH STATED THE BUILDING NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO HOUSE RESPONSE VEHICLES THAT ARE GETTING LARGER. HE WOULD LIKE A DOWN PAYMENT AND LOWER PAYMENTS, THAT WAY THE WIND FARM DOLLARS ARE NOT TIED UP BY THE BUILDING LOAN.

ROBIN PATTON QUESTIONED THE RESPONSE TIME, DISAGREES WITH THE LOCATION.

DOUG REH ASKS IF THE NEXT STEP IS TO GET BIDS AND IF THEY ALL COME IN HIGH THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

