

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 AT 2:00 PM IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1ST FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: RICK N. SHRIVER, (ON ZOOM), THOMAS W. JONES III, DWIGHT ADAMS, (TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR WAS ABSENT), LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK AND MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR. ALSO, PRESENT, MICHEAL BLACKFORD, PRATT TRIBUNE.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, WAS ABSENT, MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR, STATED TO PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE WHEN SPEAKING, PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS ON TOPIC. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM ARE CURRENTLY MUTED. IF YOU HAVE A COMMENT, PLEASE LET MARK KNOW VIA THE CHAT FUNCTION. MARK WILL THEN INFORM CHAIRMAN SHRIVER, WHO CAN TAKE UP THE COMMENT IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT DISRUPT THE AGENDA. IN THE EVENT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IS NEEDED, IT WILL BE MUTED WHEN RECESSED AND TURNED BACK ON WHEN THEY RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

HEATHER MORGAN, COVID AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT, REPORTED SHE HAD HEARD FROM THE TREASURY, THE PRATT COUNTY'S ARPA REPORT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. THOUSANDS OF COMMENTS ON THE SPENDING OF THE ARPA FUNDS. THEY PUBLISHED MORE EXAMPLES BUT THEY ARE STILL MAKING CHANGES. ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO NEW ASSISTANCE FOR NEW BUSINESSES, EDIL FUNDING, THEY INCREASED THE CAP FROM \$.5 MILLION TO \$2 MILLION. FOR BUSINESSES THAT RECEIVED THE EDIL THEY ARE DELAYING PAYMENT FOR TWO YEARS. SMALL WINDOW FOR FORMER EDIL APPLICANTS TO HAVE FIRST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS. SPARK COMMITTEE MET LAST FRIDAY. THEY WOULD LIKE FOR PRATT COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON PRESIDENT BIDEN'S MANDATING VACCINES. THERE ARE DIFFERENT PROVISIONS. IF ACCEPTING FEDERAL FUNDING, MANDATE MAY APPLY. NOTHING NEEDS TO BE DONE NOW. IT WILL DEPEND ON HOW THEY DEFINE CONTRACTORS. SHE REPORTED ON PRATT ENERGY, THEY HAD A GOOD DISCUSSION ON INCENTIVES. SHE ATTENDED THE ALLIANCE AT ULYSSESS, DISCUSSED THE WORK FORCE SHORTAGE. REDISTRICTING WAS DISCUSSED. THERE MIGHT BE A TAX CUT PLAN IN THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO PAY LANDMARK ARCHITECTS FOR INVOICE #16 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,491.25. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO PAY KIRKHAM MICHAEL FOR BILLING #3, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,829.75. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2021. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR, GAVE AN UPDATE ON SPYGLASS, THEY HAVE CUT \$1300 FROM THE PRATT COUNTY AT & T BILLING. THEY HAVE ELIMINATED MORE LINES SO THERE WILL BE MORE REDUCTIONS AS AT & T APPLIES THE CHANGES.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 2021. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DARCI VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, GAVE COVID UPDATE, THERE ARE NINE NEW CASES, FORTY-FOUR ACTIVE CASES RIGHT NOW. GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE SECOND WAVE, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN POSITIVE CASES. FULLY VACCINATED FORTY-FOUR, NOT VACCINATED TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE WHICH INCLUDES SOME NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINE. FLU VACCINE IS NOW IN STOCK FOR PRIVATE PAY. HAS NOT RECEIVED PUBLIC VACCINE. SHE IS FOLLOWING KDHE GUIDELINES ON GIVING VACCINE BOOSTERS, NOT EVERYONE QUALIFIES FOR IT. WOULD LIKE TO HIRE PART TIME EMPLOYEE TO FILL IN WHEN AN EMPLOYEE IS OFF ON LEAVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SHE WILL BRING BACK THE JOB DESCRIPTION BEFORE SHE POSTS. WORKING ON ELC GRANT FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

MIKE GARRETT, HORIZON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER DIRECTOR, GAVE A QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE. WENT OVER THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND JULY 31, 2021. THEY HAVE STRUGGLED WITH WORK FORCE, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY OPEN POSITIONS. CHANGE STATE MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALS, KDAD CONTRACTED BEDS WITH NEWTON, TOPEKA AND KANSAS CITY, FOR PATIENTS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE GO TO LARNED MENTAL HOSPITAL. IT HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE CLOSEST OPEN BED. SCREENERS HAVE TO GET DENIALS FROM OTHER HOSPITALS.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO HAVE PRATT COUNTY PAY THE FEES FOR COMPANION/SPOUSE TO ATTEND THE KAC MEETING. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN SHRIVER GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE PSB. HE REPORTED THE TRIM PIECES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED.

ERIN SMITH, ZOLL MEDICAL, GAVE A DEMONSTRATION ON AEDS. GRANT FIREHOUSE SUBS, PRATT COUNTY WAS AWARDED TO EMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000, HAS TO BE USED AT A CERTAIN VENDOR.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TWENTY MINUTES AT 3:30 PM FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT THE EMS DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:50 PM WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TWENTY MINUTES AT 4:00 PM FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT THE EMS DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:20 PM WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

