

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 AT 2:00 PM IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1ST FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: RICK N. SHRIVER, THOMAS W. JONES III, DWIGHT ADAMS, TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, 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, 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/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT, DISCUSSED THE COVID MASK MANDATE. THERE WAS AN EMAIL FROM KDHE WITH THE DIRECTION THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS TAKING IN REGARDS TO HEALTH DEPARTMENTS/EMS ACCEPTING MEDICARE REQUIRING THEM TO BE VACCINATED. SHE IS NOT SURE IF THIS INCLUDES ALL COUNTY GOVERNMENT OR JUST EMS/HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, IT IS STILL BEING DISCUSSED. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME SHE HAS SEEN IN WRITING CONCERNING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS/EMS HAVING TO REQUIRE COVID VACCINATIONS. SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING RELATED TO CMS AS TO WHO IS MANDATED. SHE STATED PRATT COUNTY NEEDS TO DEVELOP POLICIES RELATING TO THE ARPA FUNDS. SHE ASKED IF THEY WANT HER TO DEVELOP THE POLICIES PRESENT THEM TO TYSON IN A GROUP OR JUST ONE BY ONE. CHAIRMAN SHRIVER PREFERS TO DO THEM AS A GROUP NOT ONE BY ONE. TYSON STATED IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE THE POLICIES IN PLACE BEFORE THE FUNDS ARE EXPENDED. THE OFFICE OF RECOVERY IS ADVISING PRATT COUNTY TO SET UP THE POLICIES, ADOPT THE POLICIES, THEN APPROVE THE MONEY. THIS IS BASED ON THE INTERIM RULE FOR NOW. TYSON STATED THE POLICIES WILL BE ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE COMMISSIONERS. SHE STATED MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021, THE KDOT LOCAL CONSULT WILL HAVE AN ONLINE MEETING TO TALK TO REGIONS ON WHAT THEY WANT TO PRIORITIZE ON THE TRANSPORTATION PLAN. SHE QUESTIONED THE COMMISSIONERS IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE 54 BYPASS AS HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST. SHE SUGGESTED THEY DISCUSS WHAT POSITION THEY ARE TAKING. COMMISSIONER JONES AND COMMISSIONER ADAMS AGREED THEY WERE IN FAVOR OF THE BYPASS GOING AROUND PRATT. HEATHER WILL BE ATTENDING AND WILL REPORT BACK.

ROBERT TORRES, NOXIOUS WEED DIRECTOR, REPORTED HE HAD THIRTY-FIVE ATTENDEES AT THE MEETING LAST WEEK, EIGHTEEN OF THOSE PEOPLE SIGNED UP FOR WATER ASSESSMENTS. COMMISSIONER JONES STATED IT WAS A GOOD MEETING, LOTS OF INFORMATION. THE KANSAS FOREST SERVICE IS PROVIDING FOGGERS, THEY WILL BE OFFERED FOR FREE AS LONG AS WE STORE AND MAINTAIN. THE FOGGER CAN BE USED BY PRATT COUNTY CITIZENS. HE WILL LET THEM KNOW IT HAS BEEN APPROVED. HE VISITED WITH VERIZON; THEY WILL TRANSFER PRATT COUNTY INFORMATION TO ANOTHER PHONE WITH A NEW NUMBER AT NO COST. HE WILL PURCHASE THE IPHONE FOR \$45.00. HE WILL CONTACT EVERYONE WITH THE NEW NUMBER FOR NOXIOUS WEED. THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVED.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:26 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:41 PM WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSISONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:43 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:50 PM. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JON ROACH AS THE NOXIOUS WEED DIRECTOR AT \$18.00 PER HOUR, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTON CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE \$100 IN CHAMBER BUCKS FOR ROBERT TORRES'S RETIREMENT. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DARCIE VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, GAVE THE COVID UPDATE. THERE ARE TWENTY-SEVEN ACTIVE CASES AND THREE NEW CASES. REPORTED ON THE PFIZER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PFIZER BOOSTER. THEY HAVE TO SIGN AN ADDITIONA MRNA COVID VACCINE DOSE ATTESTATION FORM. RECOMMENDED WAITING SIX MONTHS AFTER HAVING COVID TO RECEIVE VACCINE OR BOOSTER. ELC GRANT IS WRAPPING UP, WAITING ON THE ELECTRIC SIGN. UPDATE ON WIC COMPUTERS NOT COMPATABLE WITH WINDOWS 10. SHE HAS ALREADY ORDERED COMPUTERS AND THEY ARE IN. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FLU SHOTS ARE IN.

JUDGE MEISENHEIMER, DISTRICT COURT, REPORTED THERE WILL BE TWO JURY TRIALS IN 2021, ONE THE LAST OF OCTOBER AND THE OTHER THE FIRST OF DECEMBER. THE JURY ROOM IS TOO SMALL TO ALLOW FOR DISTANCING. THE COURTROOM WILL BE DOING DOUBLE DUTY AS COURTROOM AND JURY ROOM. HE WOULD LIKE TO USE THE COMMISSIONER ROOM AS A BACKUP JURY ROOM. COMMISSIONERS HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH DISTRICT COURT USING THE ROOM.

TIFFANY AILSTOCK, RSVP DIRECTOR, REQUESTED A FIFTEEN MINUTE EXECUTIVE TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSINER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:12 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:27 PM WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, PRESENTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH KIRKHAM MICHAEL. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH KIRKHAM MICHAEL WITH CHANGES IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEE FROM \$77,100 TO \$69,100, CONCERNING THE KDOT CONTRACT. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. THE RIGHT OF WAY IN THE KDOT AGREEMENT STILL NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:25 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:40 PM WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

