

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 AT 2:00 PM IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES III ON ZOOM, RICK SHRIVER, DWIGHT ADAMS, TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK, AND MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR.

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 ADAMS, 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.

CHAIRMAN ADAMS STATED COMMISSIONER JONES IS ATTENDING THE MEETING VIA ZOOM.

HEATHER MORGAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COVID CONSULTANT, ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SAFETY AND SECURITY ARPA FUNDS, SHE PRESENTED THE PROGRAM STANDARDS, GOALS/TARGET OUTCOMES, PROGRAM PARAMETERS AND APPLICATION PROCESS. SHE DISCUSSED GRANT MATCH REQUIREMENTS. SHE EXPLAINED PEEL GRANTS FOR REVITALIZATION FOR STOREFRONTS, VACANT DELAPIDATED BUILDING. IT CAN BE COMBINED RETAIL ON MAIN FLOOR APARTMENTS ON SECOND FLOOR. THERE CAN BE ONE APPLICATION PER COUNTY. SHE WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST ANYONE INTERESTED. WESTERN KANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ALLIANCE IS FINALIZING LEGISLATIVE ITEMS, INCLUDING DAYCARE AND HOUSING CONCERNS. SHE WENT OVER THE REEF GRANTS, IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR FARM OR RURAL AG BUSINESSES, ENERGY UPGRADE SUCH AS SOLAR, WIND MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT. TIM QUESTIONED HEATHER ABOUT THE GRANTS COVERING GENERATORS, IF IT IS ATTACHED TO THE COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IT MIGHT. SHE WILL CHECK WHEN MORE DETAILS COME OUT AND WILL REPORT BACK.

DJ MCMURRY, APPRAISER, REQUESTED A TEN-MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES AT 2:09 PM TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL CONCERNING NEW HIRE. CHAIRMAN ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. CHAIRMAN ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:19 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF MCKENZI HOOVER FOR THE APPRAISER'S OFFICE AT \$15.00 PER HOUR. CHAIRMAN ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BJ HAYES, EMERGENCY MANAGER, PRESENTED AN UPDATED LEPC EMERGENCY MEMBERSHIP LISTING. ALSO, A COPY OF THE BYLAWS THAT NEED TO BE SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN ADAMS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE BYLAWS FROM THE EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION. CHAIRMAN ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. A COPY OF THE SEVERE WEATHER PLAN AND STORM SPOTTER OPERATING GUIDE WAS PRESENTED. HE REPORTED TAYLOR PRINTING HAS MORE OPTIONS FOR THE PSB SIGN. \$3,400 SIGN WITH FLAT, VINYL LETTERING BEING PLACED ON THE BRICK. \$11,500 LETTERS ARE 10" TALL AND ACRYLIC. CHAIRMAN ADAMS QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS GOING TO BE A SIGN ON THE HIGHWAY 54 SIGNIFYING EMERGENCY SERVICES AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SIGNAGE FROM TAYLOR PRINTING FOR THE PSB FOR \$3,400 TO BE PAID OUT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER COMMENTED KELVYN CLAY HAD STATED KDHE HAS BEEN INSPECTING IN THE AREA. HE HAS CALLED INTEGREN TO INSTALL THE NEEDED REPAIRS.

CHAIRMAN ADAMS REQUESTED A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK AT 2:36 PM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. CHAIRMAN ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM BREAK AT 2:39 PM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 27, 2022. CHAIRMAN ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A \$500 PAYMENT TO PHS AFTER PROM BASH. CHAIRMAN ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MARY ANN MCGUIRE AND SAMANTHA DUTTON, RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT EMS USING LIGHTS AND SIRENS DOWN THEIR DIRT ROAD. BRIAN ATTEBERRY, EMS DIRECTOR STATED WHEN YOU RUN THE SIREN AND LIGHTS, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO RUN BOTH. THEY ASKED IF THEY HAVE TO BE RUN IF IT IS NOT A CRITICAL CALL. THEY WILL BE CALVING SOON AND ARE REQUESTING NO LIGHTS AND SIRENS ON THEIR MILE ROAD RIGHT BEFORE HIGHWAY 61. TYSON STATED THEIR SITUATION IS NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER ROAD OR SITUATION. BRIAN STATED HE WILL TRY NOT TO TURN THEM ON IF IT IS NOT CRITICAL OR IF THERE IS NO CROSS TRAFFIC. BUT IF IT'S A CRITICAL CALL THEY WILL BE RUNNING LIGHTS AND SIRENS. SAMANTHA STATED THE ROAD GRADERS ARE DIGGING TRENCHES IN FRONT OF DRIVEWAYS AND BY THE DITCHES. THEY ADVISED HER TO SPEAK TO DOUG AT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT.

BRIAN ATTEBERRY, EMS DIRECTOR PRESENTED 2022 EMS CALLS AND RUNS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:57 PM TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL CONCERNING RESCUE PERSONNEL. CHAIRMAN ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:12 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. CHAIRMAN ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 3:15 PM FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING MULTIPLE LEGAL ISSUES. CHAIRMAN ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. CHAIRMAN ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR DECEMBER 29, 2022. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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DWIGHT ADAMS CHAIRMAN

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RICK N SHRIVER MEMBER

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LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

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THOMAS W JONES III MEMBER