

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023 AT 2:00 PM IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1ST FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES III, RICK SHRIVER, DWIGHT ADAMS, TYSON EISENHAEUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK, AND MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TYSON EISENHAEUER, 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 JONES, 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 JONES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COVID CONSULTANT, REPORTED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS RELEASED TWO NEW GRANTS FOR RURAL TRANSIT PROVIDERS. RSVP TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY. IT COULD FUND 80-95% OF A NEW BUS OR NEW FACILITY. THEY ARE COMPETITIVE GRANTS WORKING WITH KDOT OR RSVP COULD APPLY AS A STAND-ALONE ENTITY. SHE WILL WORK WITH TARA, RSVP DIRECTOR ABOUT WHAT COULD BE USED. SHE RECEIVED CLARIFICATION FROM THE STATE RELATED TO CHILD CARE/DAYCARE FUNDS. SHE SAID TO BE REALISTIC WITH THE REQUESTS, CAPITAL AND OPERATING EXPENDITURES. ALSO, WESTERN KANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE WILL BE MEETING TOMORROW PERTAINING TO GRANTS FOR RURAL AREAS. SHE IS WATCHING THE WATER DEBATE IN TOPEKA, NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T IMPACT AG USE. SENATE BILL 90 IMPACTS FEES THE TREASURERS OFFICE CAN CHARGE FOR TITLES AND TAGS. INDUSTRIAL HEMP SENATE BILL COULD MAKE IT EASIER TO SELL HEMP PRODUCTS. HB 2160 CONCERNS MOVING BALES OF COTTON, IT WOULD LOOSEN SOME RESTRICTIONS. ANOTHER BILL WOULD ALLOW COUNTIES TO SET UP ITS OWN OPIOID ACCOUNT, CREATE A NEW TECHNOLOGY RESERVE ACCOUNT, ALLOW COUNTIES SAME ABILITIES AS CITIES TO CHARGE FOR INSPECTION/ZONING FEES. KDOT REPORTED A 45% INCREASE FOR ROAD PROJECTS DUE TO INFLATION.

JON ROACH, NOXIOUS WEED DIRECTOR, PRESENTED HIS ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE STATE FOR SIGNATURES. REPORTED HE HAS LEAKS IN THE ROOF AT HIS BUILDING. HE WILL GET QUOTES AND REPORT BACK.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 23, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

THE GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT WAS PRESENTED FOR SIGNATURE BY CHAIRMAN JONES.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROAD CROSSING FOR SC TELCOM AT NE 150TH ST, NE 20TH, NE 30TH, NE 40TH EAST OF PRATT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS ASKED MARK, IT DIRECTOR IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON THE ZOOM EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. HE REPORTED HE IS GETTING QUOTES.

DARCIE VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, PRESENTED THE 2023 CONTRACT FOR DR ZOOK THE PRATT COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DR ZOOK AS THE PRATT COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOUCHERS FOR JANUARY 30, 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JASON WINKEL, RECYCLING/LANDFILL SUPERVISOR, REPORTED HE NEEDS TO HAVE A GRADER REPAIRED. HE HAS DIFFERENT OPTIONS. THEY CAN CLEAN THE OLD FILTER BUT NO GUARANTEE IT IS GOOD. A BRAND-NEW FILTER IS \$4746.00. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NEW FILTER FOR THE GRADER FROM FOLEY EQUIPMENT FOR \$4746.00 COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:39 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL CONCERNING SALARY. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SSESSION AT 2:50 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A RAISE FOR JASON WINKEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6016.00, ANNUAL SALARY OF \$68,000 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 22, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MICHELLE VAKULENKO, BCBS REPRESENTATIVE, GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE PRATT COUNTY BCBS POLICY AND UPCOMING RENEWAL.

SCOTT STRONG/JEREMY KING, STRONG'S INSURANCE, PRESENTED THE PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER QUESTIONED WHY THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY POLICY LIMITS WENT UP SO MUCH. SCOTT STATED IT WAS THE NEW BUILDING AND REPLACEMENT COST OF OTHER BUILDINGS. HE ASKED IF THEY CAN PRESENT AN ESTIMATE IN JUNE OR JULY TO GIVE US AN INDICATION OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR THE BUDGETING PROCESS. SCOTT WILL ASK EMC IF THIS IS SOMETHING THEY CAN DO. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW STRONG'S INSURANCE TO CHANGE OUR CYBER INSURANCE PROVIDER TO COWBELL INSURANCE LLC. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISISONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK AT 4:06 PM. COMMISISONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM BREAK AT 4:10 PM. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:10 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING INSURANCE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:25 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:26 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING INSURANCE AND CONTRACTS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM

EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:42 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

LISA SNIDER, EMS EMPLOYEE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE PHONES AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. MARK STATED THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE OUT THIS WEEK.

CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:44 PM. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

THOMAS W JONES III CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT ADAMS MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

RICK N SHRIVER MEMBER