

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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 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 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 MORGAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COVID CONSULTANT, PRATT AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPOINTED CASEY GARTEN AND BRUCE GIVENS TO FILL CITY OF PRATT APPOINTMENTS FOR THE BOARD. MARK MORGAN REMAINS PRESIDENT AND RUTH ANN BARKER REMAINS SECRETARY. AN INCENTIVE PACKAGE WAS APPROVED FOR DON QUEAL FOR HIS BUSINESS EXPANSIION. FAÇADE GRANT WAS APPROVED FOR THE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING. THEIR NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN MARCH. NEW COMMERCE GRANT, ABODE PROGRAM, ANY HOUSING DEVELOPER CAN BE USED TO UPGRADE OR BUILD NEW SENIOR OR DISABLED HOUSING. ALL PLOTTED LOTS IN THE SANDY CREEK ADDITION HAVE BEEN SOLD. NEW SPRINT GRANT FOR MUSEUMS AND TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. SHE REACHED OUT TO THE LOCAL MUSEUMS AND THEY WILL WORK WITH HEATHER AND APPLY UNDER THE COUNTY. IT IS TO PROMOTE MUSEUMS ON THE PRAIRE. IT REQUIRES THREE LETTERS OF SUPPORT. IT COMES FROM FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE STATE THROUGH THE ARPA FUNDS. TYSON ENQUIRED ON TIME FRAME; THE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2023. FEBRUARY 24, 2023, BILLS HAVE TO BE OUT OF THEIR HOUSE OF ORIGINS IN TOPEKA. SHE PROJECTS A REDUCTION IN SOCIAL SECURITY STATE INCOME TAX AND FOOD SALES TAX.

RALPH LANTERMAN, STATED HE HAS PURCHASED THE LUMEN ENERGY PROPERTY ON THE WEST SIDE OF TOWN. HE IS MAKING A STORAGE FACILITY FOR RV'S AND BOATS. HE STATED THE DITCH ALONG FIFTH STREET IS UNMAINTAINABLE. HE WOULD LIKE CULVERTS PUT IN SO HE CAN EASILY KEEP IT MOWED AND CLEANED UP. HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE ROAD DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR GO WITH HIM AND CHECK IT OUT TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. DOUG STATED HE HAS LOOKED AT IT AND THERE IS A HUGE PROBLEM WITH WATER. HE STATED UNDERNEATH THERE IS GRAVEL AND THEY PUT CONCRETE AND ROCK ON TOP TO KEEP THE EROSION AT A MINIMUM AND HE DOESN'T WANT TO REMOVE ANYTHING OR MAKE ANY CHANGES AS HE FEELS THE WATER PROBLEM WILL BECOME WORSE. COMMISSIONER ADAMS STATED DOUG SHOULD GO WITH RALPH AND LOOK IT OVER AND SEE IF ANYTHING CAN BE DONE AND REPORT BACK.

TARA PAGENKOPF, RSVP DIRECTOR, PRESENTED CHECKS TO SIGN. SHE DISCUSSED HER GRANTS AND FILLING OUT THE APPLICATIONS. THEY DISCUSSED THE OLD EMS BUILDING AND PARKING THE BUSES AND EMPLOYEE PARKING.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPPORT LETTER FOR THE MUSEUMS FOR THE SPRINT GRANT. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CHARLES THIMESCH LAWN CARE CONTRACT FOR \$900.00 PER MONTH FOR 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$200 FOR SKYLINE AFTER PROM. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TWENTY MINUTES AT 2:47 PM FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING LEGAL MATTERS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:07 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:08 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING CONTRACTS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:16 PM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO NOT RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH IMA CONSULTING. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER VOTED NO. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW NATIONAL OPIOD AGREEMENTS WITH TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS AND WALMART. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER STATED THEY HAD A MEETING WITH SC TELCOM AT THE NEW BUILDING, THEY ARE TRYING TO PORT THE OLD NUMBERS FROM AT&T IF NOT, SC TELCOM CAN ASSIGN NEW NUMBERS.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:28 PM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED 3-0.

THOMAS W JONES III CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT ADAMS MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

RICK N SHRIVER MEMBER