

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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, SHE REPORTED ON THE KDOT MEETING. THE PASSING LANES GOING WEST HAVE MADE THE PRIORITY LIST FOR NEXT YEAR. THE BYPASS IS SECOND ON THAT LIST. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXTENDED THE NEXT ARPA FUNDS REPORTING IS DUE JANUARY 31, 2021. THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON GUIDELINES. SHE IS ASSISTING THE SMALL CITIES FILE THEIR FIRST REPORT. SHE REPORTED THE PRATT AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON A NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 MEETING. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REPORTED KIRKHAM MICHAEL WANTS TO ADD \$1800.00 BACK INTO THE CONTRACT TO IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICTS WITH UTILITY COMPANIES FOR THE KDOT ROAD PROJECT. COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO 2. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. THERE IS MOVEMENT IN THE OPIOID LAWSUITS. THE SETTLEMENTS WORK ON ENOUGH STATES AGREEING TO GO FORWARD. THEY ARE NOW AT THE STATE GOVERNMENT. 75% GRANTS AND MAINTAINED BY THE STATES IN ONE POT 25% IN OTHER DIRECT DISBURSEMENT. HE NEEDS ANSWER BACK FROM OUR COUNSEL. THERE IS ALSO MONEY FOR ATTORNEY FEES. HE NEEDS TO IDENTIFY ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO BE THE CONTACT FOR EMAILS AND SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENTS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS NOMINATED COMMISSIONER JONES TO BE THE OPIOID LIASON. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. HE REPORTED ON THE NEXT TAX FORECLOSURE. HE HAS A LIST OF 102 PROPERTIES AT THIS TIME, THIS WILL NOT BE THE FINAL NUMBER. BEFORE THEY ARE FILED, DEMAND LETTERS ARE SENT OUT TO ALLOW TAXPAYERS TO MAKE PAYMENT. THE TITLE COMPANY RESEARCHES PROPERTIES, THEY PRODUCE CERTIFICATES. AMERICAN TITLE CHARGED \$100 PER TRACT LAST TIME; HE WOULD LIKE TO ENGAGE AMERICAN TITLE AGAIN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW TYSON TO ENGAGE AMERICAN TITLE TO RESEARCH PROPERTIES. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. IT WILL BE EARLY TO LATE JANUARY, 2022.

BRIAN ATTEBERRY, EMS DIRECTOR, REPORTED HE WOULD LIKE TO USE CAREERCERT SERVICES FOR ONLINE TRAINING AND ALSO RECORDING ANY LOCAL TRAINING. THEY CAN RECORD AND ASSIGN TO CREWS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND SO THEY ARE ALLOWED THE SAME TRAINING. THIS SERVICE ALLOWS

TRAINING ONLINE. ACL AND PALS CLASSES ARE \$100 PER YEAR PER PERSON. THE CREWS CAN TAKE AS MANY CLASSES AS NEEDED. IT IS A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ENGAGE CAREERCERT LEARNING MANAGEMENT/RECORD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR TRAINING AT A COST OF \$2100.00, FOR THE FIRST YEAR, \$2205.00, FOR THE SECOND YEAR AND \$2315.25 FOR THE THIRD YEAR. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. HE WILL BE ATTENDING A WORKSHOP OFFERED BY KEMSA AT A COST OF \$205.00 FOR NEW EMS DIRECTORS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO HIRE BRIAN ATTEBERRY AS EMS DIRECTOR AT \$75,000, REEVALUATE AFTER 6 MONTHS, MINUS HIS TIME SPENT AS INTERIM DIRECTOR. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING DIRECTOR, ATTENDED A MEETING CONCERNING THE BELVIDERE WEATHER TOWER. IT DOES NOT MEET FFA REQUIREMENT FFA REQUIREMENTS, NEEDS PAINT AND NEW LIGHTS. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO REPLACE LIGHTING AT A COST OF \$14,136.00, PRATT COUNTIES SHARE OF THIS WOULD BE \$6,884.52. HE STATED BARBER COUNTY USES THE TOWER BUT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE COALITION. THEY DO NOT PAY ANY OF THE COSTS. THE BARBER COUNTY EM IS GOING TO ASK THE BARBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COALITION. HE REPORTED HE TURNED IN A GRANT TO REPLACE THE CURRENT TOWER. THE ESTIMATED COSTS OF A NEW TOWER IS \$350,000.00. THE PRATT COUNTY PORTION OF A NEW TOWER WITH THE GRANT WOULD BE \$72,000, WITHOUT THE GRANT IT WOULD BE \$172,000. AT THIS TIME THE COALITION WILL GO AHEAD WITH THE NEW LIGHTING. CHAIRMAN SHRIVER QUESTIONED WHAT FUNDS WILL BE USED. TIM STATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAS ENOUGH IN SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO PAY FOR PRATT COUNTY SHARE IF THE GRANT IS NOT RECEIVED.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD, PRESENTED ROAD CROSSING FOR APPROVAL FOR HAVILAND TELEPHONE AT SW 50TH AVENUE & 50TH STREET FOR FIBER OPTIC. MOTOR GRADER IS BACK BUT STILL NEEDS SOME ADDITIONAL WORK. THEY ARE WORKING ON NW 80TH ST.

JON ROACH, NOXIOUS WEED DIRECTOR, HE HAS FOURTEEN SECTIONS FROM THE STATE TO CHECK FOR NOXIOUS WEED, HE HAS TO MARK DOWN AND REPORT TO THE STATE.

COMMISSIONER JONES REPORTED HE WENT BY THE PSB, LOOKED LIKE THEY WILL BE LAYING CONCRETE SOON. CHAIRMAN SHRIVER REPORTED THAT WALLS ARE STILL GOING UP. THEY WILL START FRAMING WHEN THE WALLS ARE UP.

MARK GRABER, IT, GOT A QUOTE FOR LAPTOPS AND CHARGING STATION FOR THE COMMISSIONER ROOM. HE IS LOOKING AT A ROLLING MONITOR THAT CAN SHOW WHAT IS BEING DISCUSS. HE WILL GET QUOTE FOR SHARED MICROPHONE DEVICE.

CHAIRMAN SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:00 PM FOR TEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:09 PM WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR OCTOBER 4, 2021. CHAIRMAN SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS QUESTIONED WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THE RAILROAD BLOCKING THE TRACKS FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:22 PM. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

RICK N SHRIVER CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT ADAMS MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

THOMAS W JONES III MEMBER