

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, APRIL 3, 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, 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, REPORTED SHE APPLIED FOR THE KDOT EV CHARGING GRANT. SHE HAS A CONTACT AT KDOT TO FOLLOW UP. KYLE HOFFMAN WILL BE AT PCC APRIL 20, 9:00 AM TO ASSIST WITH APPLYING FOR GRANTS. COMPLETING THE FOUR LANE FROM LIBERAL TO WICHITA HAS BEEN IN DISCUSSION FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS. SHE REACHED OUT TO A LOCAL BUSINESS THAT IS INTERESTED IN THE HEAL GRANT BUT THE DEADLINE IS CLOSE. SHE RECOMMENDED REACHING OUT SOONER THAN LATER, ALSO, DO NOT START ANY WORK ON THE BUILDING PRIOR TO APPLYING AND RECEIVING APPROVAL. LAST WEEK FOR THE LEGISLATURE BEFORE THEIR THREE-WEEK RECESS. THERE WILL BE MORE MONEY AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. THE HOUSE PASSED A BUDGET. THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON THE TAX PLAN. ARPA FILING DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, 2023. SHE NEEDS TO HAVE COPIES OF RECEIPTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN TURNED IN PREVIOUSLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER ASKED ABOUT THE PRIVATE BUSINESS RELATED TO PUBLIC COMPETITION BILL. WHEN A NEW BUSINESS COMES TO TOWN VERSUS A GOVERNMENT FUNDED ONE, THE PERSONALLY OWNED BUSINESS WOULD RECEIVE A TAX BREAK. HE ASKED SINCE GOVERNMENT MONEY IS GIVEN TO BUSINESSES ARE THEY CONSIDERED GOVERNMENT FUNDED. SHE DOESN'T THINK THE BILL IS CLEAR ON THAT. SHE WILL TRY TO FIND THE ANSWERS.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROAD CROSSING AT SE 25TH AVENUE, SE 10TH STREET, SE 30TH AVENUE, SE 60TH STREET AND SE 10TH AVENUE FOR SC TELCOM TO INSTALL FIBER OPTIC CABLE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JT DANIELS AND KRIS HUFFMAN, ABGI, EXPLAINED THE 179D FORM ON BEHALF OF LANDMARK ARCHITECT. IT ALLOWS THE 179D DEDUCTION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADES. ABGI WILL PERFORM THE ANALYSIS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. BY SIGNING PRATT COUNTY GIVES PERMISSION TO ABGI FOR A ONE HOUR VISIT TO VISIBLY VERIFY THE DRAWINGS BY LANDMARK ARCHITECT THAT THE WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND FILE FOR THE DEDUCTION ON BEHALF OF LANDMARK ARCHITECT. THE COUNTY WILL GET A REPORT ON THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SIGNING SECTION 179D FORM FOR ABGI ON BEHALF OF LANDMARK ARCHITECT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL/RECYCLING SUPERVISOR, REPORTED ON A RECYCLING COMPANY CLOSING DOWN THAT BOUGHT PRODUCT FROM PRATT COUNTY. THE PRICES OF RECYCLING ARE WAY DOWN, HE IS STORING UNTIL THE PRICES INCREASE. HE WILL BE ATTENDING THE CORE CONFERENCE WITH ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES. HE STATED THE LOADER SHOULD BE HERE LATER THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK. THE STATE INSPECTION PASSED WITH NO INFRACTIONS. MAY 1-6, 2023 IS CLEAN UP WEEK. HE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE AN ALTERNATIVE DAILY COVERAGE MACHINE THAT SPRAYS A COVER COATING ON THE LANDFILL TO KEEP EVERYTHING FROM BLOWING. HE PRESENTED TWO QUOTES ONE FROM LSC ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS LLC, NEW APPLICATOR FOR \$55,875.00 AND COVER PELLETS FOR \$21,615.00. SECOND BID FROM ROAD BUILDERS MACHINERY AND SUPPLIES COMPANY, NEW APPLICATOR FOR \$54,500.00, USED APPLICATOR FOR \$44,500.00, THEY DID NOT QUOTE PELLETS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE ALTERNATIVE DAILY COVERAGE APPLICATOR FROM LSC ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS, LLC FOR \$55,875.00 AND PELLETS FOR \$21,615.00 TO BE PAID OUT OF LANDFILL SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

GEORGE STEVENS, AMERICAN LEGION RIDER, REQUESTED A DONATION OF \$4000.00 FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE LAKE TO BE HELD MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DONATION OF \$4000.00 TO THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDER FOR FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:41 PM FOR SEVENTEEN MINUTES FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING TAX APPEAL. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:55 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW TYSON TO CONTACT MORRIS LAING ON A TAX APPEAL MATTER. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JIMMY WHITE AND JAKE STREKER, INA ALERT, INC, PRESENTED SECURITY EQUIPMENT QUOTES FOR THE JAIL AND COURTHOUSE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER STATED HE HAD TALKED TO HEATHER MORGAN, AND THERE IS TERRORISM GRANTS AVAILABLE AND SHE WILL APPLY FOR THOSE GRANTS TO FUND THIS PROJECT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID 4452-23 FROM INA ALERT, INC FOR THE JAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$111,333.87, TO BE PAID OUT ARPA FUNDS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE BID 4455-23 FOR \$107,811.13 TO BE PAID OUT OF ARPA FUNDS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. THE PROJECT MANAGER WILL CONTACT JIMMY. THE PROJECT SHOULD START AROUND JUNE 2023.

TONY HELFRICH, USD 382 SUPERINTENDENT, AND DAVID SCHMIDT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, EXPLAINED THE BOND ISSUE COMING UP FOR ELECTION, MAY 9, 2023. ONE OF THE RENOVATIONS WILL BE THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL. PROJECT WILL BE THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO MOVE THE PRESCHOOL AND OFFICES DURING RENOVATIONS. THEY HAVE EXPLORED DIFFERENT OPTIONS IN PRATT. THEY WOULD LIKE TO WALK THROUGH THE OLD PRRC BUILDING AND SEE IF IT IS FEASIBLE FOR THEIR TEMPORARY USE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER STATED HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH A WALK THROUGH. TYSON STATED IF THEY WOULD WANT TO USE IT, BOND COUNCIL

WILL HAVE TO SPLIT IT OFF FROM THE HOSPITAL PROPERTY. THEY WILL CONTACT CLERK VOSS TO GET THE KEY TO DO A WALK THROUGH.

BILLY HAMPTON, FIRE/RESCUE, PRESENTED INFORMATION ON #254, THE TANK HAS BEEN REMOVED, THE BED IS RUSTY AND NEEDS REPAIRED. THE BED CAN BE SANDBLASTED AND REPAINTED. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SANDBLASTING AND PAINTING THE BED ON #254 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,667.00 TO EMERGENCY FIRE EQUIPMENT TO BE PAID OUT OF FIRE/RESCUE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. HE REPORTED THEY HAD TRAINING FOR STORM SPOTTERS AND GRAIN ENTRAPMENT. OPEN HOUSE APRIL 7, AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. APRIL 14 AND 15 HE IS HAVING A VEHICLE RESCUE TRAINING. THE COST OF TRASH SERVICE AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING WAS DISCUSSED.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO KEEP THE EXISTING POLICY WITH BLUE CROSS WITH NO PLAN CHANGES. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 2 ON THE EMPLOYEES SHARE OF THE POLICY.

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

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:52 PM COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

THOMAS W JONES III CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT ADAMS MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

RICK N SHRIVER MEMBER