

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, APRIL 24, 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, RICK SHRIVER, DWIGHT ADAMS, TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR WAS ABSENT, LORI VOSS, CLERK, AND MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MARK GRABER, IT, 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, GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE WATER BILL BEING SIGNED. THE MONEY IS LESS THAN REQUESTED BUT WILL HELP. THE BUDGET WAS PASSED, MORE MONEY FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION. THE GOVERNOR PROPOSED A NEW TAX PLAN, EVERY KANSAS RESIDENT THAT FILED 2021 INCOME TAX WILL RECEIVE A REFUND OF \$450 FOR SINGLE AND \$900 MARRIED. IT WOULD COST THE STATE OF KANSAS \$890 MILLION. HEATHER DOESN'T THINK THE LEGISLATURES WILL APPROVE. THEY WILL BE IN SESSION WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. THE SAFE STREET GRANT AND REEF GRANTS ARE NOW OPEN. THE REEF GRANT WILL PAY FOR 70% ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES FOR AGRICULTURE PURPOSES. THERE IS A GRANT TO HELP WITH MEAT PROCESSING FACILITIES TO HELP LOCAL PLANTS. THERE IS A GROUP ASSIGNED TO THE TAX CREDITS PROGRAM FOR DAYCARES. SHE STATED IF ANY BUSINESSES ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR ANY OF THESE GRANTS PLEASE CONTACT HER.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:07 PM FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL TO DISCUSS A SIX-MONTH EVALUATION. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:15 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. THEY DISCUSSED BJ HAYES'S EVALUATION WITH HIM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A \$1.00 RAISE TO \$20.50 PER HOUR. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. BJ REPORTED HE HAD COMPLETED ANOTHER CERTIFICATION WITH TWO MORE TO COMPLETE.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A DONATION OF \$1000 TO THE MISS KANSAS PAGEANT. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 17, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FROM APRIL 24, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER REMINDED VOTERS IN THE USD 382 DISTRICT THAT THEY WOULD ALL BE VOTING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 519 NORTH MAIN, PRATT ON MAY 9, 2023.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:24 PM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER  
SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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THOMAS W JONES III                      CHAIRMAN

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DWIGHT ADAMS                              MEMBER

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LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

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RICK N SHRIVER                              MEMBER