

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, MAY 1, 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, 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, STATED THE ARPA REPORT WAS SUBMITTED ON TIME. SHE ASSISTED THE CITY OF PRESTON WITH THEIR SUBMISSION. IF ANY OF THE OTHER SMALLER CITIES NEED ASSISTANCE, SHE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP. MEETING WITH THE CITY OF PRATT RELATED TO COMPANY THAT CONTACTED HER CONCERNING THE CO-APPLICATION FOR THE EV CHARGING STATION. THE FEDERAL GRANT FOR THE EV CHARGING STATIONS ARE DUE AT THE END OF THE MONTH. THE COMPANY WOULD PROVIDE THE MATCH. SHE WILL KNOW MORE NEXT WEEK. THEY MIGHT DO A CO-GRANT APPLICATION. THEY WILL BE APPLYING FOR THE FASTEST CHARGING STATION. THERE IS A GRANT THROUGH ARPA FUNDS FOR SIX MILLION ACROSS THE STATE TO REPAIR INOPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS, DAMAGED BY WILD FIRE TO THE TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE. BJ, BILLY, MIKE AND HERSELF WILL GET TOGETHER TO APPLY. THE DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2023. SHE DISCUSSED THE KDOT SAFE STREETS GRANTS. SHE HAS VISITED WITH DOUG AND HOPES THE CONTRACTOR HAS APPLIED FOR THIS GRANT. LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED FRIDAY. EVERYTHING VETOED WILL DIE. NO TAX CUTS FOR KANSANS THIS SESSION. SMALL CHANCE FOR A SMALL LEGISLATIVE SESSION. STATE EMPLOYEE WILL RECEIVE RAISES. SHE IS STILL WAITING TO SEE IF THEY HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE SPRINT GRANTS FOR THE LOCAL MUSEUMS

THAD HENRY, KENT GOYEN, PAULA BLASI, CHARMAINE SWANNAPOL AND TIM KUHN, PRATT HISTORICAL MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERS PRESENTED THEIR BUDGET FOR 2024 FOR \$45,000. THEY DEPEND ON CONTRIBUTIONS, MEMORIALS, CITY AND COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS STATED IT IS A NICE MUSEUM AND APPRECIATE THEIR HARD WORK. CHAIRMAN JONES STATED IT IS ONE OF THE BEST HISTORICAL MUSEUMS IN THE STATE.

DARCIE VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED THE VAN DOORS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED. THE FRONT DOORS AND THE NEW LIGHTS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. SHE IS REVAMPING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INFORMATION ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE. MARK STATED THE COUNTY IS UP FOR A FREE REVAMP FROM CIVIC PLUS. HE STATED ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS/ELECTED OFFICIALS NEED TO LOOK AT THEIR WEBSITE AND WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE OR WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE. DARCIE REPORTED THEY HAD THE STATE PHARMACY INSPECTION, THERE WERE SOME CHANGES TO BE MADE.

THERE IS A WORKFORCE GRANT FOR PRATT COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,000. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO APPLY FOR IT, BUT IT MIGHT BE MANDATORY. THERE IS A SECTION NEXT TO THE CARPORT THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PARKING SPOT FOR HER TRAILER. IT WILL NEED TO BE DUG OUT. SHE WILL GET BIDS AND REPORT BACK.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 24, 2023. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:28 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER TO DISCUSS MULTIPLE LEGAL ISSUES. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:41 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO GIVE TYSON THE AUTHORITY TO FILE THE LAWSUIT ON DELIQUENT TAXES. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BJ HAYES PRESENTED TWO BIDS ON THE DUAL BAND RADIOS KA-COMM, INC FOR \$37,506.25 INCLUDES PROGRAMMING AND CDS FOR \$35,888.05 INCLUDES PROGRAMMING. CLERK VOSS WILL SEND COPIES OF THE INVOICES TO HEATHER TO VERIFY ARPA FUNDS CAN BE USED. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER REMOVED HIMSELF FROM THE MEETING AND DID NOT VOTE ON THE PURCHASE. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TEN RADIOS FROM CDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,888.05 INCLUDES PROGRAMMING TO BE PAID OUT OF ARPA IF APPROVED BY HEATHER OR SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. BJ REPORTED THE BURN BAN HAS BEEN LIFTED.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD, WILL BE ATTENDING A CATERPILLAR MEETING MAY 8, 9 & 10. HE WILL BE IN MANHATTAN FOR MEETINGS MAY 16, 17 & 18. HE REPORTED HE WAS LOSING THREE EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MAY 1, 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TAMMY SMITH, CEO AND ALAN WAITES, CFO, PRMC, GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE SIX-MONTH FINANCIALS. ALAN REPORTED THEY WERE DOING WELL FINANCIALLY. COMMISSIONER ADAMS ASKED FOR INFORMATION FROM ALAN. ALAN WILL SEND THE INFORMATION TO CLERK VOSS. TAMMY REPORTED ON NEW DOCTORS AND SERVICES. THEY WILL PROVIDE TELEHEALTH SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, WHEN THEIR CREDENTIALS ARE APPROVED. SHE HAS MET WITH THE CEO AT HORIZONS TO COORDINATE WITH THEM FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. SHE INQUIRED ABOUT THE OLD EMS BUILDING. THEY ARE STILL INTERESTED IF NO ONE ELSE IS GOING TO USE IT. THE COUNTY IS WAITING ON GRANT MONEY TO POSSIBLY MOVE RSVP TRANSPORTATION. SHE REPORTED ON A NEW SURGEON MOVING HERE AUGUST 2, 2023, HE WILL BE IN THE BONE & JOINT CLINIC. THEY ARE STILL RECRUITING BUT ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND SPACE. ALAN REPORTED THERE IS THE SQUARE FOOTAGE BUT IT IS UNFINISHED. A CHIEF NURSING OFFICER WAS HIRED LAST MONTH.

JESSICA BROWN, WOULD LIKE TO PUT A SIGN UP FOR DOOR DASH FOR THE CAMPERS AT THE LAKE. THE COMMISSIONERS STATED THEY DIDN'T ALLOW ADVERTISING AT THE LAKE.

CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:36 PM. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO RESCIND HIS MOTION TO

