

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, MAY 8, 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 IS ASSISTING SMALL CITIES WITH THE ARPA FILING. SHE STATED SHE ASSISTED PRATT COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PRATT CO-APPLYING FOR THE EV CHARGING STATION. THEY APPLIED FOR THE SIX PORT HIGH SPEED AND THE FOUR MEDIUM SPEED STATIONS. THEY WOULD BE OWNED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES. KDOT SHOULD NOTIFY THEM IN 30-60 DAYS. PRATT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROVED FAÇADE GRANTS FOR PRATT GLASS AND BLASI'S CAR WASH. THERE IS STILL SOME MONEY LEFT TO IMPROVE THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER STATED HE HAD TALKED TO KIRKHAM MICHAEL ON THE SURVEY OF THE LAND BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. THEY WILL BE SENDING A NEW CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 1, 2023 AND THE RECESSED MEETING MAY 5, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TYSON REPORTED HE HAD FILED THE TAX FORECLOSURE DOCUMENTS IN DISTRICT COURT.

TARA PAGENKOPF, RSVP DIRECTOR, PRESENTED CHECKS FOR SIGNATURES.

BJ HAYES, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING DIRECTOR, PRESENTED THE FORMS FOR A ZONING PERMIT FOR TRENTON WRAY, OFFSHOOT, LLC. HE HANDED OUT THE SPECIAL USE REPORT, THE CHECK LIST FOR CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A SPECIAL USE CASE, COPY OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES, AND THE CHECKLIST FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE CASE. CHAIRMAN JONES READ THE CALL AGENDA ITEM AGENDA #1 WHICH IS ON CASE # SU-2023-01. NO ONE DISQUALIFIES OF DISASSOCIATES HIMSELF FROM THE BOARD. THE CLERK DID NOT RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS ON THIS CASE. THE PLANNING BOARD DID NOT RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS ON THIS CASE. HE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, HE HAS NOT. TRENTON WRAY GAVE A SHORT PRESENTATION ON THE USE OF THE PERMIT. HE HAS BEEN USING REGENERATIVE AG FOR HIS FARM AND HAS DECIDED TO OPEN A RETAIL LOCATION. IT IS A NATURAL FERTILIZER FOR SOIL HEALTH AND BIOLOGY. HE STATED IT IS A FRANCHISE FROM SOIL CRAFT. HE HAS PURCHASED THE LAND AND CONTAINER BUILDINGS TO STORE THE BULK TANKS FOR THE FERTILIZER. COMMISSIONER ADAMS ASKED WHAT KIND OF NATURAL FERTILIZER. TRENTON STATED FISH

FERTILIZER AND MOLASSES MIXES. SOME OF IT IS LIQUID AND SOME POWDER. HE IS TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM THE WELL-KNOWN CHEMICALS COMMONLY USED IN AG. BJ WENT OVER THE SPECIAL USE REPORT. THE ZONING BOARD GAVE THEIR APPROVAL FOR THIS PROJECT. TRENTON HAS HIS PESTICIDE/FERTILIZER/MIXING PERMITS FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE PLANNING BOARDS RECOMMENDATIONS ON CASE NO SU-2023-01 AND TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 05-08-23. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. BJ REPORTED ROSS SCHIFFELBEIN WILL BE MOVING AND WILL NOT BE ON THE ZONING BOARD AND WOULD LIKE TO REPLACE HIM WITH GARY SMITH. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF GARY SMITH TO THE ZONING BOARD. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CATHERINE ROHRER, SCKCCA DIRECTOR, WOULD LIKE TO HIRE A PART TIME JUVENILE INTAKE EMPLOYEE. SHE IS LOOKING FOR INPUT RATHER PART TIME OR CONTRACT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES AT 2:41 PM TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:59 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MAY 8, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN JONES STATED THAT GARY BARKER CONTACTED HIM ABOUT SPRAYING AROUND THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVED HIM SPRAYING AND WILL PAY HIM TO SPRAY.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:04 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