

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, MAY 15, 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, RECEIVED NOTIFICATION PRATT COUNTY WAS NOT SELECTED FOR THE SPRINT GRANT FOR THE LOCAL MUSEUMS. SHE HAS CONTACTED THE MUSEUMS WITH THE NEWS. THERE ARE ATTRACTION GRANTS THEY CAN APPLY FOR. SHE IS STILL ASSISTING THE CITY OF IUKA WITH THE ARPA REPORTING. THE SAWYER COOP APPLIED FOR A FAÇADE GRANT. SHE WANTED TO REMIND THE SMALL CITIES THEY ARE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT. GOVERNOR VETOED SB 8. THE BUDGET AND SCHOOL FINANCE BILLS HAVE NOT BEEN SIGNED. STATE REVENUES TRENDED DOWN, THE FIRST TIME IN 30 MONTHS, NOT SALES TAX BUT INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX AND RETAIL SPENDING IS DOWN. HEATHER REPORTED IT COULD AFFECT BUDGETS IN THE LONG RUN.

JODI DRAKE AND RHETT NEWBY, PRATT COUNTY EXTENSION, JODI PRESENTED THEIR 2021-2022 REPORT. SHE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THEIR ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR. RHETT GAVE AN UPDATE ON HIS ROLE IN THE OFFICE. SHE PRESENTED THEIR 2024 BUDGET. THEY ARE ASKING FOR A 1% INCREASE.

TONY HELFRICH, SUPERINTENDENT AND DAVID SCHMIDT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, USD 382, STATED SINCE THE BOND PASSED, THEY ARE WANTING TO FINALIZE THE USE OF THE OLD PRRC BUILDING FOR PRESCHOOL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES STARTING JUNE 15, 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024. THEY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRE UPGRADE, LIABILITY INSURANCE, NETWORK UPDATE, MONTHLY UTILITIES, GENERAL MAINTENANCE, SUCH AS LAWN CARE AND USER MAINTENANCE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT IN PLACE FOR HVAC ISSUES. THEY COULD USE MATERIALS NOT BEING USED BY USD 382 TO REPAIR IF POSSIBLE. SINCE THE BUILDING WAS VACATED FOR A FEW YEARS THE SEWER, HOT WATER HEATERS, ECT COULD HAVE ISSUES WHEN STARTED UP. TYSON EXPLAINED THE BUILDING IS HELD BY THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION. THEY WOULD NEED TO HAVE A MEETING AND DEED THE BUILDING BACK TO THE COUNTY. RIGHT NOW, THE PROPERTY IS EXEMPT BUT IF IT WAS RENTED OUT THE EXEMPTION WOULD END AND THE PROPERTY TAXES WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$18,000. DJ MCMURRY, THE COUNTY APPRAISER IS CHECKING WITH THE STATE CONCERNING THIS ISSUE. THERE NEEDS TO BE A LEASE AGREEMENT, LEGAL DOCUMENT IN PLACE. TYSON STATED USD 382 NEEDS TO COME BACK WITH THE LEASE AGREEMENT. ALL OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS NEED TO BE IN THE AGREEMENT. THE PROPERTY TAX MIGHT NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT. TYSON STATED THE JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> DATE IS PROBABLY TOO SOON TO GET EVERYTHING DONE. THE FIRE INSPECTION WILL NEED TO BE DONE. THEY ARE HOPING TO GET CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 TO DECEMBER 2024. THEY WON'T MOVE UNTIL THE NETWORK IS UPDATED.

THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO WALK THROUGHS WITH THE STAFF. THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE WALK THROUGHS. TYSON WILL KEEP IN TOUCH ON THE LEGAL END.

BRITTANY NOVOTNY, VERNON FILLEY ART MUSEUM, PRESENTED HER UPDATED BUDGET FOR 2024. THEY CURRENTLY RECEIVE \$5000; THEY WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE UP TO \$10,000 FOR 2024. SHE GAVE A PRESENTATION ON ACTIVITIES AT THE MUSEUM.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFICATION OF THE USD 382 BOND ELECTION RESULTS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT JASON ROBERTS FOR ANOTHER FOUR-YEAR TERM TO BE THE NON-LAWYER MEMBER OF THE THIRTIETH DISTRICT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION FROM MARCH 6, 2023 TO MARCH 1, 2027. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

THE NEW CONTRACT WITH SC TELCOM FOR INTERNET, NEW PHONES AND PHONE SERVICE WAS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT AS PRESENTED WITH SC TELCOM FOR INTERNET, PHONE SERVICE AND PHONES. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO INTEGREN SERVICES, INC FOR CHECKING VALVES AND INSTALLING A BACKFLOW PREVENTER IN THE PIT AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,401.69 TO BE PAID OUT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER STATED THERE WAS WATER UNDER THE BAY DOORS AND A LEAK IN THE ROOF AFTER THE STORM LAST TUESDAY AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF GARY SMITH FOR PART TIME COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE FOR \$15.00 PER HOUR. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES AT 2:44 PM FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING FLSA ISSUES. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:53 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH KUTAKROCK FOR FLSA ISSUES AS STATED IN THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL/RECYCLING SUPERVISOR, PRESENTED A REPAIR QUOTE FROM FOLEY EQUIPMENT FOR THE OLDER LOADER REPLACING SEALS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE QUOTE OF \$13,923.82 FROM FOLEY CAT FOR REPAIRS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. JASON PRESENTED A REPORT ON THE CITY OF PRATT CLEAN UP WEEK. REPORTED IT WENT VERY WELL. THE CITY SUPPLIED THREE EMPLOYEES TO ASSIST AT THE LANDFILL. HE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A SMALL BALER TO USE ON ALUMINUM CANS. HHW COSTS ARE GOING UP, HE IS TRYING TO COME UP WITH WAYS TO SAVE MONEY.

MARK GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE CIVIC PLUS WEBSITE REDESIGN. THERE WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, IT IS FOR ANY DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT CAN ATTEND OR WOULD LIKE CHANGES ON THEIR INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE.

TARA PAGENKOPF, RSVP DIRECTOR, PRESENTED HER APPROVED GRANTS FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS. IT WAS DISCUSSED HER MOVING TO THE OLD EMS BUILDING. HER AND MARK WILL DO A WALK THROUGH TO SEE WHERE PHONES/COMPUTERS NEED TO BE. SHE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE IN JULY 2023. SHE NEEDS TO CHECK WITH SC TELCOM ABOUT INTERNET AND PHONE SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MAY 15, 2023. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:36 PM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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RICK N SHRIVER                              MEMBER