

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 AT 2:00 PM IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1ST FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES III WAS ABSENT, RICK SHRIVER ACTING CHAIRMAN, 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 STATE OF KANSAS REPORTED UNEMPLOYMENT IS 2.2% FOR PRATT COUNTY. PRATT COUNTY IS IN THE TOP TEN FOR THE LOWEST RATE. PANASONIC IS OPENING A PLANT IN JOHNSON COUNTY WITH FOUR THOUSAND JOBS AVAILABLE. PANASONIC IS CONSIDERING ANOTHER FACILITY IN KANSAS TO PRODUCE BATTERIES. ACCORDING TO CENSUS ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR, PRATT COUNTY WENT DOWN 81 PEOPLE. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THAT DETERMINES WHAT GRANTS PRATT COUNTY WILL QUALIFY FOR. SHE BELIEVES AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT SHUTS DOWN. THE STATE HAS BEEN LOOKING AT WAYS TO GET BY IN THE EVENT THERE IS A SHUT DOWN.

ANDREA POLF, ARROWHEAD WEST, PRESENTED THEIR BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2024, THERE IS NO INCREASE FROM 2023 TO 2024, THEY ARE REQUESTING \$90,600. SHE GAVE AN UPDATE ON STAFF AND PROGRAMS.

JON ROACH, NOXIOUS WEED DIRECTOR, PRESENTED A PICTURE OF THE NEW SIGN AT THE NOXIOUS WEED BUILDING. HE STATED THEY SOLD THE 2000 ISUZU FOR \$12,500 ON PURPLE WAVE. HE REPORTED THE SPRAY TRUCK WAS IN THE SHOP. HE STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO HIRE A FULL TIME PERSON SO THEY WOULD GO FROM TWO TO THREE FULL TIME EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 15, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SARAH BLASI, PRATT FAIR BOARD MEMBER, ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE, REPORTED THE NEBRASKA BUSH PULLERS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEARS PRATT COUNTY FAIR. SHE GAVE A SHORT INFORMATIONAL REVIEW ON WHAT THE PULLERS ARE REQUESTING FOR THE TRACK. THEY WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE A RUBBER TIERED PACKER. DOUG FREUND, ROAD SUPERVISOR IS CONCERNED THAT IF A COUNTY EMPLOYEE IS USED, THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE REIMBURSED. HE IS ALSO CONCERNED ON THE SORT OF DIRT THEY WILL BE PACKING. IF IT IS SANDY IT DOESN'T WORK AS WELL. SARAH STATED THE FAIR BOARD WILL DISC, PACK AND GET IT READY FOR THE RUBBER TIERED PACKER. SHE STATED THE CARNIVALS ARE REALLY HARD TO SCHEDULE, SOME HAVE RETIRED OR COMBINED WITH OTHERS SO THE NUMBER TO HIRE ARE LIMITED. DOUG ASKED IF THEY STILL WANTED THE COUNTY TO DIG THE DEMO DERBY PIT. THEY ARE PLANNING ON HAVING THE DEMO DERBY PIT AND THE

TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL TRACK COMPLETED AT THE SAME TIME. SARAH WILL VISIT WITH RUSTY OWENS ABOUT THE NEEDS FOR THE DERBY PIT.

JACK GALLE, HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBER, WAS PRESENT TO DISCUSS THE USE OF THE PRRC BUILDING BY USD 382. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER STATED THAT USD 382 WANTED TO USE THE OLD PRRC BUILDING FOR THEIR PRESCHOOL. JACK STATED HE WAS AWARE AS HE WAS INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS. TYSON STATED HE HAD A DRAFT LEASE FROM USD 382. HE WENT OVER A FEW OF THE AGREEMENTS IN THE LEASE. THE LEASE HAS NOT BEEN EXECUTED. JACK STATED THE HOSPITAL WOULD BE LOOKING AT A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY IN THE FUTURE BUT HAS NO PROBLEM WITH USD 382 LEASING IT SHORT TERM. JACK WOULD LIKE TO SEE A COPY OF THE DRAFT LEASE. TYSON STATED HE WOULD CLEAN IT UP THEN SEND IT TO JACK FOR REVIEW. THE PRRC BUILDING HAS BEEN STRIPPED OUT OF THE HOSPITAL LEASE. JACK ASKED ABOUT THE OLD EMS BUILDING. IT WAS STATED RSVP RECEIVED THE GRANT AND WILL BE USING THAT BUILDING.

PAYSLIPS WERE PRESENTED FOR NICHOLAS MOSS AND LATISHA WILLIAMS, EMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00 PER HOUR. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RAISES OF \$1.00 FOR NICHOLAS MOSS AND LATISHA WILLIAMS, EMS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF ROBERT DELEON, ROAD DEPUTY FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT \$19.99 PER HOUR. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

ERIC KILLOUGH, PRATT PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR, PRESENTED THE BUDGET FOR 2024. THEY ARE REQUESTING THE SAME AMOUNT AS 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,000. HE GAVE AN UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY WHICH ARE NUMEROUS AND WELL ATTENDED.

BILL HAMPTON, FIRE/RESCUE, ASKED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:13 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:24 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. BILLY PRESENTED A PAYSHEET FOR JUSTIN SEAMAN FOR FIRE/RESCUE. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING JUSTIN SEAMAN FOR FIRE/RESCUE AT \$25.00 PER CALL/MEETING. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. HE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE SHELVING FOR THE STORAGE ROOM AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER STATED IT IS NEEDED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS QUESTIONED IF HE HAD IT IN HIS BUDGET. BILLY STATED HE DOES. HE NEEDS TO CHANGE THE NUMBERS ON HIS TRUCKS TO NOT DUPLICATE WITH OTHER AGENCIES. IT IS RECOMMENDED HE PUT THE CHEVRON ON THE BACK FOR SAFETY REASONS. THE COMMISSIONERS STATED TO GO AHEAD AND GET IT DONE.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MAY 22, 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER THANKED EMS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:44 PM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER
SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RICK N SHRIVER MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

DWIGHT ADAMS MEMBER