



PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2026

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm in the Commissioner Room, 1st floor of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W Jones III, Rick Shriver, Morgan Trinkle, Tyson Eisenhauer, County Counselor, Cescha Hoffman, County 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.

Economic Development Update – Heather Morgan

Sawyer Gas Project

Heather reported she has spoken with the Kansas Corporation Commission, which agreed to issue an advance payment related to the Sawyer project. Heather's assistance in administering the project was requested. Heather indicated she did not commit to formally administering the project but agreed to continue assisting with administrative paperwork. KGS is planning an in-person meeting and is in the process of scheduling it. County right of way issues may arise in connection with the new substations so she directed them to get in contact with Doug Freund, Pratt County Road and Bridge Supervisor.

Neighborhood Revitalization Meeting

Heather attended a neighborhood revitalization meeting on the previous Friday. She noted the topic continues to generate ongoing email correspondence and that the commission could discuss the topic later in the meeting.

Legislative Session Update

Heather advised the legislative session was beginning this week. A bill related to the Neighborhood Revitalization is being proposed and she will monitor the progress of the bill.

American Legion Riders – Fourth of July Firework Donation Request

George Stevens requested a \$5,000 donation for the Fourth of July firework show. In order to take advantage of a vendor discount they are trying to order early. The typical annual contribution had previously been \$4,000 but that the amount was increased this year in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the United States, with the intent of providing a larger fireworks display.

MOTION – Give the American Legion Riders \$5,000 for the Firework Show.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Trinkle

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

NextEra

Cody Ackers and Robert Boyer with NextEra addressed the Commission regarding a recurring issue involving delivery drivers parking on roadways and arriving at inappropriate hours near the project site. They have revised the dispatch plan and drivers will be directed to other areas and then be provided with the actual site address when appropriate preventing unauthorized roadside parking and off-hour arrivals. The Commissioners thanked them for providing the update and for their continued cooperation in resolving the roadway and parking concerns.

Health Department Contracts

Appointment of Local Health Officer

MOTION – to approve the contract with Dr. Aaron Zook for the Local Health Officer at \$300 per month.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Trinkle

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Appointment of Family Planning Provider

MOTION – to approve the contract with Dr. Hannah Vogt for the Family Planning Provider at \$68/hour

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Trinkle

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel

MOTION – To move to executive session under the Non-Elected Personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act with Darcie Van Der Vyver to discuss Salaries for 5 minutes at 2:15 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Trinkle

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 2:20 pm with no action taken

MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Trinkle

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Law Enforcement Equipment Notification – Armored Vehicle Acquisition

Max Barrett notified the Commissioners the Sheriff's Office has received an armored vehicle through the LESO Program. Pursuant to federal orders, the acquisition of certain military-grade equipment is required to be disclosed publicly. This item was presented for informational and transparency purposes. The vehicle is a 2008 MMRAP. The departments only cost associated with the acquisition was shipping.

EMS Update

Brian Atteberry provided an operational update. EMS responded to approximately 1,367 calls, an increase from the prior year. The current medical bags will need replaced and he has been researching the best fit, final recommendations with quotes will be brought forward once a complete quote is obtained. Brian also discussed changes to the department's continuing education platform. EMS would like to utilize Prodigy at a cost saving of \$1,000 over the prior year vendor, Foamfrat, which was \$1,610 per year.

MOTION – To use Prodigy for continuing education for Pratt County EMS at \$1,610/year

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Trinkle

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel

MOTION – To move to executive session under the Non-Elected Personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act with Brian Atteberry to discuss a Work Comp claim for 5 minutes at 2:30 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Trinkle

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 2:34 pm with no action taken

MOTION BY – Commissioner Trinkle

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Executive Session – Attorney-Client

MOTION – To move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss Neighborhood Revite with DJ McMurry for 30 minutes at 2:35 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Trinkle

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 3:05 pm with no action taken

MOTION BY – Commissioner Trinkle

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

MOTION – To move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss Neighborhood Revite with DJ McMurry for 20 minutes at 3:06 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Trinkle

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 3:26 pm with no action taken

MOTION BY – Commissioner Trinkle

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

MOTION – To move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss Neighborhood Revite with DJ McMurry for 10 minutes at 3:27 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Trinkle

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 3:35 pm with no action taken

MOTION BY – Commissioner Trinkle
SECONDED BY- Commissioner Shriver
MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel

MOTION – To move to executive session under the Non-Elected Personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss Pay for 5 minutes at 3:37 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver
SECONDED BY – Commissioner Trinkle
MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 3:42 pm with no action taken

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver
SECONDED BY- Commissioner Trinkle
MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Clerk’s Personnel Request

MOTION – To approve a .50 salary adjustment for 1 year for Susan Pixler at 21.94/hr

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver
SECONDED BY – Commissioner Trinkle
MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To approve a .50 salary adjustment for 1 year for Tricia Clark at \$19.04/hr

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver
SECONDED BY – Commissioner Trinkle
MOTION PASSED 3-0

Courthouse Maintenance/Cleaning Items

Elevator Inspection & Repairs

MOTION – To approve TKE Elevator to replace/repair the door restrictors and pit safety at a cost of \$7,816.75 to be paid out of Courthouse funds.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver
SECONDED BY – Commissioner Trinkle
MOTION PASSED 3-0

Plumbing

Prior recommendation involving a full piping system replacement, as been placed on hold due to other priorities, but commissioners requested InteGreen be contacted to address water leaks that require assessment so a practical smaller scale solution could be looked at to address current leaks and assess the hot water heater.

Courthouse Cleaning

MOTION – To approve M&Maria Cleaning Service at 30/hr

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver
SECONDED BY – Commissioner Trinkle
MOTION PASSED 3-0

Executive Session – Attorney-Client

MOTION – To move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss the Senior Center Organization and Community Center lease with Tara Pagenkopf for 20 minutes at 3:47 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 4:04 pm with no action taken

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Trinkle

MOTION 3-0.

Senior Services Grant Documentation Corrections

Grant forms that had already been signed and approved needed a State fiscal year correction from 2026 to 2027. Additional documentation was requested from the granting agency on the certifications and assurances also needed completed and resigned.

Appointment of Commission Chair

MOTION – To nominate Morgan Trinkle as Chairman of the County Commission for the current year

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To approve the minutes of January 6th, 2026

MOTION BY – Commissioner Trinkle

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Approval of Vouchers

MOTION – To approve the vouchers for January 12, 2026

MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Adjourn

MOTION – To adjourn the meeting at 04:24

MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0

/s/ Morgan Trinkle
MORGAN TRINKLE CHAIRMAN

/s/ Rick Shriver
RICK SHRIVER MEMBER

/s/ Cescha Hoffman
CESCHA HOFFMAN, COUNTY CLERK

/s/ Thomas W Jones III
THOMAS W JONES III MEMBER