The Pratt County Commissioners met Monday, January 13, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. in the Courthouse Commission Room with the following members present: Joe R. Reynolds and Thomas W. Jones III. Glenna L. Borho was absent. Tyson Eisenhauer, County Counselor, Gale Rose, Pratt Tribune Reporter, Sherry Kruse, County Clerk, and Darrell Shumway were also present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Robert Torres, Noxious Weed/Environmental Services, discussed the bid for a new sprayer; Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the bid from Kenneth Sales & Service Inc., Lewis, KS for a new 250 gallon tank, pump, motor, reels and hose for $8948 to be paid from the special equipment fund. Chairman Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Robert requested a ten-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel; Commissioner Jones made a motion at 4:03 P.M. to adjourn into executive session for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Reynolds seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Motion carried 2-0.

Doug Freund, Road & Bridge/Lake Director, submitted a road crossing permit for SC Telem, Medicine Lodge, KS to lay fiber optic lines in the NW part of the county a continuation of previous road crossing permits.

Jason Winkel, Landfill/Recycling Supervisor, requested a ten-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel; Commissioner Jones made a motion at 4:10 P.M. to adjourn into executive session for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Reynolds seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion at 4:20 P.M. to return from executive session with nothing to report. Chairman Reynolds seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Jason discussed a seat for the scraper; parts are no longer available for the old one and the air doesn’t stay in it; Chairman Reynolds had the name of another company in Wichita who might be able to provide an additional bid; Jason presented the 2019 Landfill and 2019 Recycling totals.

Larry Sharp, KCamp Member Services, reviewed risk management programs included with member contributions; next year he will have data to review specific to Pratt County.

Billy Hampton, Pratt County Fire & Rescue Chief, reported the e-pagers are on-line and firefighters/rescue personnel can now be paged thru a cell phone; repelling training starts Wednesday and goes thru next week so they can get as many people as possible trained.

Tiffany Ailstock, RSVP Director, submitted bills and checks the commissioners approved and signed.

Darcie Van der Vyver, Health Director, reported she only received one bid for roof repairs and today was the deadline; Commissioners decided to extend the deadline another week; Darcie asked for a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel; Commissioner Jones made a motion at 5:10 P.M. to adjourn into executive session.
SESSION FOR FIVE MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 5:15 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

SCOTT HARRIS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, REQUESTED A TWENTY-MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 5:15 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TWENTY MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. AT 5:23 P.M. COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS SIGNED THE GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT INC. 2019 SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRAM INCOME REPORT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MICRO-LOAN ACCOUNTS.

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2020 MEETING. CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REPORTED HE WILL FILE TAX FORECLOSURE DOCUMENTS NEXT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020; KCAMP INFORMED HIM WE WILL NEED TO EXTEND LIABILITY COVERAGE WITH EMC INSURANCE.

CHAIRMAN REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE THOMAS W. JONES III AS CHAIRMAN FOR 2020. COMMISSIONER JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO DESIGNATE THE PRATT TRIBUNE AS THE OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER FOR LEGAL PUBLICATIONS AND DESIGNATE THE PEOPLES BANK, LEGACY BANK AND FIRST STATE BANK AS OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR PRATT COUNTY. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR JANUARY 13, 2020. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

COMMISSIONERS NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M. IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:57 P.M. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

ATTEST: ____________________________ ____________________________

JOE R. REYNOLDS                 CHAIRMAN

SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK     THOMAS W. JONES III     MEMBER