



PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2026

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 20, 2026 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, 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**

Legislative Update

Heather reported that House Bill 2470 related to neighborhood revitalization was introduced. The bill pertains to counties with populations under 10,000 allowing such counties to designate the entire county as eligible for neighborhood revitalization. The bill is expected to receive a hearing in the House Tax Committee, though no timeline has been established. Two bills related to Northern Natural Gas have also been introduced. The intent of the legislation is to require the Property Valuation Division to conduct a study if the valuation of a public utility increases or decreases by more than 5% compared to the prior year. No hearings have been scheduled.

Sawyer Gas Project Update

Heather confirmed that an invoice was submitted to the KCC for the grant amount awarded to the City of Sawyer. Heather also inquired about payment procedures related to ARPA funding, noting that the grant funds are technically ARPA funds.

Federal Update on Opportunity Zones

Heather provided an update regarding Federal Opportunity Zones, which encourage tax-advantaged investment in designated areas. Pratt County did not previously qualify due to being considered economically stable. Heather will monitor developments to see if changing regulations will allow Pratt to qualify.

PADEC Update

The group is moving forward with the housing revitalization grant program. There was discussion of hosting a lunch and learn or breakfast meeting to inform developers about PADC's housing development incentive application.

**Pratt Family Practice**

Amy Schrag and Dr. Fowler, Pratt Family Practice and Brian Moore, legal counsel for Pratt Family Practice presented an update on the engineering inspection of the PRRC building. No structural or engineering issues were identified that would prevent renovation. The practice expressed interest in the

building due to its proximity to the hospital, growth and space needs. Commissioners acknowledged the request, but a definitive timeline could not be provided at the moment. The County anticipated gaining greater clarity on hospital related issues as soon as possible and are working towards getting Pratt Family Practice an answer.

### **Health Department Grants**

Darcie Van Der Vyver, Pratt County Health Department requested permission to serve as parent agency for the Family Planning grant for the coalition. Kiowa County currently serves as the parent agency for both the WIC and Family Planning Grants. Pratt County is the largest county and has the highest enrollment out of the counties in the coalition. This approach would reduce risk if staffing changes occur at Kiowa county and avoid the need to find a new parent agency for two grants simultaneously if changes were to occur. A new fund would be set up for the money to come in and distribute out to all members in the coalition. This method was cleared through the county's accountant and auditor. A contract will be drawn up for Darcie's administration of the program and presented for approval at a later date.

### **Skyline After Prom Donation**

MOTION – Approve a \$500 donation to Skyline After Prom

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

### **Resolution 01-20-2026**

MOTION – Approve Resolution 01-20-2026 to amend resolution 01-15-2026 that amends and sets the Sheriff Salary at \$88,982.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

### **Payment Approval – Radio Repair**

MOTION – To approve to pay Bucklin Communication for radio repair out of commissioner budget.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

### **Public Comments**

Susan Mayberry, raised a question regarding whether there would be any resolution or closure related to PRMC. Commissioners and Tyson expressed that communications between county legal counsel and hospital legal counsel will continue and are expected to move the process toward some form of a resolution. The timeline and final outcome remain uncertain. Any resolution or action will occur in a public setting.

### **Executive Session – Attorney-Client**

MOTION – To move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss a draft resolution for 15 minutes at 2:34 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Jones  
MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 2:49 pm with no action taken  
MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver  
SECONDED BY- Commissioner Jones  
MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**Resolution 01-20-2026B**

Resolution 01-20-2026B was read and considered. The resolution establishes an alternative procedure or methodology for the sale or disposition of county owned property pursuant to KSA 19-211-B.

MOTION – To approve Resolution 01-20-2026B  
MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones  
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 PRMC Leases with David Prella Eron, Jack Galle and Lorin Haas for 45 minutes at 2:56 pm.

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

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 3:42 pm with no action taken  
MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones  
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 Revitalization and HB 2470 for 15 minutes at 3:44 pm.

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

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 3:59 pm with no action taken  
MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones  
SECONDED BY- Commissioner Shriver  
MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

MOTION – To approve the minutes of January 12, 2026  
MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones  
SECONDED BY – Commissioner Shriver  
MOTION PASSED 3-0

