



PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES
FEBRUARY 02, 2026

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 2, 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, Susan Pixler, Deputy Election Clerk and Mark Graber, IT Director. Others in attendance were Susan Lesh Mayberry, Linda Steltzer, and Larry Johnston. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Rick Shriver, County Commissioner: 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 Trinkle, 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.

Rick Shriver started the meeting with a motion giving Tyson Eisenhower the authority to testify on the County's behalf at a hearing considering House Bill 2470 today at 3:30 pm.

Tom Jones seconded the motion

Motion passed 3-0.

Economic Development Update – Heather Morgan

Heather was tied up with legislative hearings and other meetings and could not attend.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To approve the minutes of January 26, 2026

MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Road Department Personnel Request

MOTION – to hire David Sharp for the County Road Department starting at \$17.00 per hour.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Approval of Vouchers

MOTION – To approve the vouchers for February 2, 2026

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Pratt Health and Rehabilitation

Beth Towns – Director and Polly Taylor – Head of Nursing at PHR

The representatives from the PHR wanted to express their concerns about the letter the Commission sent to PRMC regarding the Notice of Default and Intent to Terminate the lease sent to Pratt Regional Medical Center. They are responsible to provide care to their residents in their 45 bed facility and are concerned regarding the use of PRMC labs, ER etc. If there is to be a closure of PRMC they will need time to create connections to other area hospitals to provide any services they will no longer receive from PRMC. Commissioner Shriver stated that the letter of termination was the commissioners attempt to get information they have been asking for and have yet to receive. Commissioner Shriver told them we would try to make sure to keep them informed with any updates so they could plan accordingly. The Pratt County Commissioner's main goal is to keep the hospital open and serving our community. All the commissioners told them they appreciated their concerns, as they share those concerns. Beth Towns also commented that the long-term care facilities in Pratt have been discussing the issues and all would like to be kept informed.

Adjourn

MOTION – To adjourn the meeting at 2:24

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/ Susan Pixler
SUSAN PIXLER, DEPUTY CLERK

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