



PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 23, 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 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.

Economic Development Update – Heather Morgan

PAEDC Update

PAEDC met on Wednesday. The meeting focused on regrouping following the Chamber's appointment of a new director and several economic development initiatives. Heather reported progress on the development of a site selector document. The document is intended to serve as a comprehensive inventory and marketing tool for prospective businesses and site selectors. Heather also reported that the final touches are being completed on the Housing Incentive Grant Application. A breakfast meeting is being planned with local developers to gauge interest in potential housing projects.

Southwest Kansas Mobility Expansion Study

Heather reported that she will attend a meeting on Friday regarding the Southwest Kansas Mobility Expansion Study. Discussions have also taken place with Senator Blew. Efforts are underway to have House Bill 2470 heard on the Senate side in the near future.

Appraiser Update

DJ McMurry, Pratt County Appraiser reported that valuation notices are prepared and scheduled to be mailed on Friday. Agriculture land decreased and residential and commercial property values increased, which is on trend for the state. The appraiser provided the update in advance of mailing notices to ensure Commissioners were informed. No action was taken

Public Comment – Jail Visitation Kiosk

Michael Florez addressed the Commission regarding issues with the portable visitation kiosk at the County Jail. Mr. Florez reported during a recent visit the kiosk was not functioning properly and wanted to make the Commission aware.

EMS Update

Brian Atteberry, EMS Director, reported that WSU Tech has received a grant from the Patterson Foundation to provide free classes to rural service agencies. Brian has been in communication with WSU Tech regarding hosting and Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course locally. The classes would be provided at no cost to the students or the County. Brian noted that additional EMRs would help

prevent operational strain during high-demand periods. No formal action was taken at this time, as discussions with WSU Tech are ongoing. Brian also reported that the preventive maintenance contract for the department's ventilators is set to expire this year. Cost is \$655 per unit with a total of four ventilators. Brian will return with the contract for formal approval.

Executive Session – Attorney-Client

MOTION – To move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss a contract for 5 minutes with Brian Atteberry at 2:15 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Jones

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 Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Public Comments - Road Regulations

Robin Patton addressed the Commission regarding enforcement of an existing road regulation on Northwest 30th Ave, originally adopted in the 1990's. Mr. Patton stated he was informed by members of the Sheriff's Department that the regulation lacks an enforceable penalty provision and they are not able to issue citations or fines. Tyson Eisenhauer, County Counselor, explained the existing resolution does not contain a fine provision. The underlying statute authorized the Commission to bring a civil action for road damage caused by violations but it has been reported by the Road Director the road in question isn't receiving any more damage than any other county road. There are also several practical enforcement challenges with creating new regulations as well. Mr. Patton also raised concerns regarding the Sheriff's Budget and salary adjustments for the deputies. It was explained they do receive cost of living adjustments and those amounts have been added to their budget. Mr. Patton requested reconsideration and potential revision of the regulation and thanked the Commission for their consideration. The Commission thanked Mr. Patton for his comments.

Kelly Nienke addressed the Commission regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Southeast 30th Avenue and 30th Street. He reported frequent failure of motorists to stop at the posted stop sign, vehicles exceeding the posted 55 mph speed limit and requested consideration of converting the intersection to a four way stop to reduce speed and mitigate risk of a future accident. He also raised concerns regarding the intersection near the Wildlife and Parks area citing multiple sequential stop signs, confusion regarding traffic flow and trucks exceeding the posted 25 mph speed limit. Mr. Ninki suggested replacing certain stop signs with yield signs. Commissioners explained changes require a formal engineering traffic study. Commissioners stated the concerns would be considered and appreciated Mr. Nienke's input.

Consideration of Loyd Group, LLC Agreement

MOTION – To approve the agreement with Loyd Group, LLC for \$25,000

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Road Crossing Application Consideration

MOTION – to approve the road crossing permit request for South Central Telecom on NE 10th Street

MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

MOTION – to approve the road crossing permit for Kansas Gas on Country Club Road and Lake Rd

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 road regulations and related statutes for 15 minutes at 3:08 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 3:21 pm with no action taken

MOTION BY – Commissioner Trinkle

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Jones

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 for 15 minutes at 3:22 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Trinkle

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 3:37 pm with no action taken

MOTION BY – Commissioner Trinkle

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To approve the minutes of February 17, 2026

MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Approval of Voucher

MOTION – To approve the vouchers for February 23, 2026

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Adjourn

MOTION – To adjourn the meeting at 3:42

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Jones

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