

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1ST FLOOR IN THE COURTHOUSE. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES, RICK N. SHRIVER AND DWIGHT ADAMS. TYSON EISENHAEUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, WAS ABSENT, LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK AND MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR WERE PRESENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MARK GRAVER, IT DIRECTOR, REMINDED EVERYONE THE MEETING IS BEING STREAMED OVER ZOOM AND TO PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME WHEN SPEAKING; AND WILL WATCH FOR ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

HEATHER MORGAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE KDOT COST SHARE ON THE ROAD PROJECT AFTER TALKING TO KIRKHAM MICHAEL. SHE REPORTED THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE PSB SHOULD TAKE MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY PROGRESS MEETING AND THOSE SHOULD BE SENT OUT TO THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS, THE PBC BOARD AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. SHE REPORTED ANOTHER STIMULUS PACKAGE BILL SHOULD BE PASSED MARCH 16, 2021. SHE REPORTED THE STATE HAD CHANGED HOW THEY WANT THE SPARK TO BE REPORTED, SHE IS MAKING CHANGES TO INCLUDE THOSE. SHE REPORTED THE FRAUDULENT UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS HAD COST THE STATE FROM 200-600 MILLION DOLLARS. THE STATE IS PLANNING ON USING SOME OF THE STIMULUS MONEY TO PAY THAT BACK.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER ASKED FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:15 P.M. TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL TO INCLUDE BILL HAMPTON, FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:30 P.M. AND TO RETURN FOR ANOTHER FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 4:30 P.M. TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL TO INCLUDE BILL HAMPTON, FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:45 P.M. WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. BILLIE THANKED COMMISSIONER ADAMS FOR ATTENDING THE RESCUE MEETING.

ROBERT TORRES, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR, PRESENTED THE SIGNED CONTRACT FROM KDOT FOR SPRAYING IN THE COUNTY. HE REPORTED HE WOULD LIKE TO REPLACE HIS KOBATA WITH A NEW ATV. HE HAD RECEIVED BIDS, BUT THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD LIKE TO REVISIT THIS NEXT WEEK WHEN TYSON EISENHAEUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR IS PRESENT. HE REPORTED HE WILL BE SPRAYING THIS WEEK.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD SUPERVISOR, REPORTED THE SIGN PROJECT IN THE NW QUARTER OF THE COUNTY WOULD BE STARTED BY APRIL 5, 2021. HE REPORTED THE DOZER HAS BEEN REPAIRED, BUT THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE SPROCKET AND IT WILL BE RETURNING TO WICHITA FOR REPAIR. HE REPORTED HIS LASER TRANSIT WASN'T WORKING, HE HAD CHECKED TO SEE IF IT COULD BE REPAIRED AND IT CANNOT. HE ASKED IF HE COULD PURCHASE A NEW ONE FROM TRIMBLE A DIVISION OF CAT FOR \$4,275.00. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE A NEW LASER TRANSIT FROM TRIMBLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,275.00. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MIKE TIBBETTS, COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTED HE HAD MOVED THE REPEATER OFF OF THE D R TOWER TO THE PRATT WELL TOWER TO TEST IT'S RANGE. KENNY GATES HAS PUT TOGETHER AN AGREEMENT IF

THE COMMISSIONERS DECIDE TO PERMANENTLY MOVE THE REPEATER. HE ALSO REPORTED OTHER TOWERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO GET PRICES FROM THE OTHER OWNERS OF THE TOWERS AND REPORT BACK.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING DIRECTOR, REPORTED THERE HAD BEEN A TRAILER AND CYLINDER OF MERCAPTON STOLEN OUT OF WICHITA AND LEFT IN THE NW PART OF THE COUNTY. IT WAS LEAKING SLIGHTLY BUT NO DANGER TO ANYONE. THE COMPANY THAT OWNED IT CAME AND PICKED IT UP. HE REPORTED THIS IS SEVERE WEATHER ALERT WEEK. THE TORNADO SIRENS WOULD BE TESTED TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. HE REPORTED HE HAD RECEIVED TWO BIDS FOR THE PAINTING OF THE WEATHER TOWER AND TWO BIDS FOR THE STRUCTURAL PART OF THE TOWER. HE HAS SET UP A ZOOM MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. WITH THE COUNTIES INVOLVED TO DISCUSS THE BIDS AND ASKED IF ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS COULD BE INVOLVED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS STATED HE WOULD ATTEND VIA ZOOM. HE REPORTED HE WAS GETTING MAPS AND DRAFTS OF ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITIES OF COATS AND IUKA FROM BICKLEY FOSTER.

DARCIE VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, GAVE AN UPDATE ON COVID CASES AND COVID VACCINES. SHE WILL BE HAVING ANOTHER POD THIS THURSDAY TO ADMINISTER COVID VACCINES. SHE REPORTED THE LAB REMODEL WAS NOT FINISHED DUE TO A DELAY ON MATERIALS. IT SHOULD BE FINISHED THIS WEEK. SHE REPORTED THEY MIGHT NEED TO ADD MORE LIGHTING.

BILL HAMPTON, FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF, PRESENTED RESOLUTION 07-02-01C, THE PRATT COUNTY ASSISTANCE RESOLUTION.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICE 92138 TO KIRKHAM MICHAEL FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,130.00. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHIRVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICE 92139 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,130.55 AND INVOICE 92241 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,921.35. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2021 MEETING AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK, PRESENTED A PAY SLIP ON BEHALF OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR A NEW PART TIME EMPLOYEE GARY SMITH. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE GARY SMITH FOR PART TIME DEPUTY AT \$13.00 PER HOUR. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER JONES, PRESENTED THANK YOU'S FROM THE HOPE CENTER AND VERNON FILLEY ART MUSEUM FOR THE COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES AT 5:50 P.M. TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0-. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER JONES ASKED MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR FOR AN UPDATE ON THE PHONE SYSTEM. HE STATED HE WANTS TO HAVE SPYGLASS LOOK AT THE AT&T BILLINGS, HE HAS A CONTRACT BUT

WANTS TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR TO REVIEW. HE REPORTED AT&T WILL NOT PORT OUR NUMBERS OVER TO A NEW CARRIER. HE REPORTED HE IS CHECKING WITH SC TELCOM FOR INTERNET SERVICES FOR THE CSW OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER REPORTED HE HAD A PROGRESS REPORT MEETING FOR THE PSB, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MARCH 1, 2021. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER SHRIVER AS CHAIRMAN. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-1.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:20 P.M. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.

THOMAS W. JONES III CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT ADAMS MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

RICK N. SHRIVER MEMBER