The Pratt County Commissioners met Monday, March 2, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. in the Courthouse Commission Room with the following members present: Thomas W. Jones III, Glenna L. Borho and Joe R. Reynolds. Tyson Eisenhauer, County Counselor, Gale Rose, Pratt Tribune Reporter, Sherry Kruse, County Clerk and Darrell Shumway were also present.

Sheriff White submitted a payroll adjustment for a sheriff’s deputy to be promoted to corporal.

D J Mcmurry, County Appraiser, requested a ten-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel; Commissioner Reynolds made a motion at 4:03 P.M. to adjourn into executive session for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Borho seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Borho made a motion at 4:13 P.M. to return from executive session with nothing to report. Commissioner Reynolds seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Borho seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Scott Harris, EMS Director, submitted the 2019 year-end report; call volume is up to 1200 for 2019 and was 1120 for 2018; 90% of calls are in the city; refuse to transport rate is 25.5% and 20% is the national average; if they don’t transport they can not bill for services; 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. are their busiest times; there were 239 transfers; falls are highest amount of dispatched calls; minutes to scene is 0 to <5 minutes; Scott reported he had seven interviews for part-time help; hiring one paramedic and two EMTs; presented sealed bids to replace the 2001 Chev Suburban; Scott will review the bids and come back next week.

Received a refund check of $1285 from Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for counties for the payroll audit.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve the contract with Charles Thimesch for mowing the courthouse and law enforcement square for $900 a month. Commissioner Borho seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, County Counselor, told the commissioners he had a visit from Bruce Pinkall, City Manager, on a duplicate payment of the electricity bill at the LEC; Chairman Jones signed a government payment form for Jesse Blasi who rents farm ground from the county.

Darcie Van Der Vyver, Health Director, reported there were no compliance issues with the site visit from KDHE on public funded vaccines; Tyson Eisenhauer, County Counselor, requested a five minute executive session for an attorney/client issue and asked that Darcie Van Der Vyver be included; Commissioners Borho made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 4:55 P.M. for five minutes to discuss an attorney/client issue and that Darcie Van Der Vyver be included. Commissioner Reynolds seconded. Motion carried 3-0. At 5:00 P.M. Commissioner Borho made a motion to return from executive session with nothing to report. Commissioner Reynolds seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
LINDA ADELHARDT, PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER I & R SPECIALIST, GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; THEY ARE ONE OF TWELVE CENTERS THAT OFFER INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCES AND HAVE BEEN IN PRATT FOR 12 YEARS AT 214 S MAIN; COUNTIES INCLUDED ARE NESS, HODGEMAN, FORD, CLARK, EDWARDS, KIOWA, COMMANCHE, STAFFORD, PRATT, BARBER, RENO, KINGMAN AND HARPER; EVERY DAY THEY HAVE 1 – 2 PEOPLE FROM PRATT COME IN; HAVE EVENTS FOR YOUTH AND ON APRIL 1ST, 2020 WILL HAVE A JOB-A-THON WHERE STUDENTS CAN GET HELP WITH FILLING OUT JOB APPLICATIONS, JOB INTERVIEWS, FIND OUT ABOUT JOBS; LAST YEAR THERE WERE 26 BUSINESSES THAT PARTICIPATED WITH OVER 100 STUDENTS; DISABILITY MENTORING DAY HAD 44 BUSINESSES THAT PARTICIPATED LAST YEAR; CLIENTS EXPERIENCE CAREER EXPLORATION, JOB SHADOWING, BUSINESS TOURS, TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TOURS, JOB READINESS MINI WORKSHOPS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS, CAREER FAIRS; MS. ADELHARDT SAID THEIR FINANCIAL NEEDS ARE INCREASING; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED HOW THEY HAVE BEEN FUNDED IN THE PAST? MS. ADELHARDT SAID BY STATE FUNDED GRANTS AND ARE CURRENTLY WRITING GRANTS THEMSELVES; CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED HOW MUCH GRANT MONEY THEY RECEIVE BUT MS. ADELHARDT DID NOT HAVE THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE; LOCAL OFFICE CURRENTLY HAS THREE FULL-TIME PEOPLE; COMMISSIONERS ASKED HER TO BRING BACK FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN APRIL.

DARCI VAN DER VYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED NIGHTENGALE NOTES WILL ALLOW THEM TO GO PAST MARCH 1 ON THEIR CONTRACT AND THEN MONTH TO MONTH TO JUNE 30; NEW BILLING COMPANY WILL START APRIL 1ST; RECEIVING UPDATES EVERYDAY ON THE CORONAVIRUS.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REQUESTED A TWENTY-MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 5:30 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TWENTY MINUTES FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 5:50 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MARCH 2, 2020. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 6:25 P.M. TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION ROOM FOR A STUDY SESSION ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN JONES CALLED THE RECESSED MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 TO ORDER ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COURTHOUSE COMMISSION ROOM. ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS WERE PRESENT. TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK AND DARRELL SHUMWAY WERE ALSO PRESENT.

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED UPDATES TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.
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TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 3:36 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 24 MINUTES TO DISCUSS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:00 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT AND GO BACK IN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ANOTHER 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. AT 4:30 P.M. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 4:45 P.M. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

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THOMAS W. JONES III
CHAIRMAN

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GLENNA L. BORHO
MEMBER

ATTEST:

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SHERRY KRUSE
COUNTY CLERK

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JOE R. REYNOLDS
MEMBER