



PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES
MARCH 09, 2026

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 09, 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

Chamber of Commerce Update

Heather informed the Commission that the Chamber is currently searching for a new Executive Director. During this transition period, she will assist with scoring and any economic incentive applications that are submitted.

Neighborhood Revitalization Bill

The bill hearing in the Senate Tax Committee was postponed and then held the day after. Tyson Eisenhauer, Pratt County Counselor and Cody Smith with the City of Pratt testified. Heather will continue monitoring the bill and provide updates.

House Tax Bill

The Senate version contains significant administrative changes affecting counties, including changes to how protest petitions are calculated and updates to required forms. The bill has passed out of committee and will move to the Senate floor. Ultimately, the Senate proposal and the House version will likely be addressed in conference committee, where differences between the two version will be reconciled.

Publicly Assessed Utilities Transparency Bill Update

A hearing was recently held in the House Tax Committee. The bill would require the Property Valuation Division to investigate valuation changes greater than 5% for publicly assessed utilities.

Road Department Road Crossing Permit and Contract

MOTION – To approve the Road Crossing Permit for KGS associated with the Sawyer Gas Project

MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Commissioners also reviewed the contract books for a bridge replacement project that had already been approved previously, the documents presented were for official signatures in the contract book.

Health Department Grant Information

Darcie Van Der Vyver presented a KDHE Grant Application requiring signatures.

MOTION – to sign the grant application for KDHE for \$35,206

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel

MOTION – To move to executive session under the Non-Elected Personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss wages with Darcie Van Der Vyver for 10 minutes at 2:27 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 2:35 pm with no action taken

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

HIPAA Policy & Resolution 03-09-2026

The Commission considered Resolution No 03-09-2026, which updated Pratt County's HIPAA policies and procedures and designates specific privacy and security officers. The resolution was read in full.

MOTION – To approve Resolution 03-09-2026

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Sheriff Personnel Request

MOTION – To hire Mischele Hitz at \$21/hr for a Deputy Position.

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 the Extension Office for 10 minutes at 2:44 pm.

MOTION BY – Commissioner Shriver

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Jones

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To move to come out of executive session at 2:51 pm with no action taken

MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones

SECONDED BY- Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Public Comment – Property Tax Discussion

Abe Peters addressed the Commission regarding property taxes. Commissioners offered assistance to Peters and asked that he reach back out if he didn't get the information he needed.

Emergency Vehicle Permit Discussion

The process for Emergency Vehicle Permits was reviewed. Commissioners stated Pratt County will continue with annual renewals.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To approve the minutes of March 02, 2026

MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Approval of Vouchers

MOTION – To approve the vouchers for March 09, 2026

MOTION BY – Commissioner Jones

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Shriver

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Adjourn

MOTION – To adjourn the meeting at 03:10 PM

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/ Cescha Hoffman
CESCHA HOFFMAN, COUNTY CLERK

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