

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 AT 2:00 PM IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES III, RICK SHRIVER, DWIGHT ADAMS, TYSON EISENHAEUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK, AND MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TYSON EISENHAEUER, 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 JONES, 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.

HEATHER MORGAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COVID CONSULTANT, REPORTED SB 248 IS DEAD IN THE HOUSE COMMITTEE, SHE BELIEVES THERE IS NO INTEREST IN PURSUING. THERE ARE HEARINGS RELATED TO SOME CHANGES WITH THE RNR PROCESS. THE BILL WOULD REIMBURSE THE COUNTIES INDEFINITELY FOR MAILING THE RNR NOTICES. THERE IS ALSO DISCUSSION BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR NOTICES TO BE SENT BY EMAIL. THEY ARE WANTING TO CAP INCREASE IN TAX PROPERTY VALUATION TO 3% PER YEAR. LAST WEEK MORE FUNDING WAS ANNOUNCED. COMMERCE GRANTS FOR ANY BUSINESS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN FOR AVIATION. THERE IS FEDERAL MONEY FOR EV CHARGERS. ALL STANDARDS WILL BE THE SAME ACROSS THE NATION. SHE WILL REACH OUT TO KDOT, SEE IF THEY ARE REQUESTING OR IF THE COUNTY NEEDS TO DO IT ON THEIR OWN. THERE IS INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR SMALL WATER USAGE FOR SMALLER CITIES. GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE FOR VALUE ADDED AGRICULTURE, AS IN PRAIRE FOOD AND OTHER LIKE BUSINESSES. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DID AN ECONOMIC STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF AIRPORTS IN THE AREA. PRATT AIRPORT SUPPORTED FORTY-NINE JOBS, ECONOMIC OUTPUT \$8,908,756 AND WAGES \$1,739,641.

KRISTINA KAUFMAN, BLYTHE FITNESS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GAVE AN UPDATE ON THEIR ACTIVITIES AND WANTED TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

BRITTANY NOVOTNY, FILLEY ART MUSEUM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STATED THEY APPRECIATED THE SUPPORT FROM PRATT COUNTY AND ASKED IF THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO INCREASE THEIR DONATION. THEY ARE CONTINUING TO GROW ALONG WITH THE BUDGET. SHE PRESENTED STATISTICS ON THE MUSEUM, EVENTS, NUMBER OF VISITORS AND NUMBER OF ARTISTS REPRESENTED.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BRIAN ATTEBERRY, EMS DIRECTOR, PRESENTED A NEW PART TIME EMPLOYEE PAYS LIP. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE HIRING PATRICIA MCLEMORE AS PART TIME EMT FOR \$13.50 PER HOUR. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. HE REPORTED THAT A FIRST RESPONDER ON THE SCENE FROM CUNNINGHAM HAD SOME LAB DONE AFTER ATTENDING TO THE PATIENTS IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:30 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING MEDICAL ISSUES. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION

CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:42 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DARCIE VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, PRESENTED A QUOTE FROM INTEGREN SERVICES FOR REPLACING CEILING LIGHTS IN HER BUILDING. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO INTEGREN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,499.00 FOR LIGHTS TO BE REPLACED, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. SHE REPORTED ON THE VAN REPAIRS, IT WILL BE \$1,000 PER SLIDING DOOR. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE REPAIRING BOTH SLIDING DOORS AT \$1,000 PER DOOR AT DOUG REH CHEVROLET. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TYSON STATED HE HAD CONTACTED SCOT LOYD ABOUT SETTING UP TIMES FOR BUDGET MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER REPORTED ON THE CAMERAS AND SECURITY AT THE COURTHOUSE AND LEC BUILDING. THEY WILL CONTACT THE COMPANY TO COME BACK OUT AND REQUOTE WITH THE CHANGES.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER ASKED ABOUT THE TANK THAT FIRE/RESCUE NEEDS TO REPLACE. COMMISSIONER ADAMS HAD SENT PICTURES TO A SHOP IN GREAT BEND THAT STATED IT COULD BE REPAIRED. HE IS AGAINST SPENDING \$23,000 FOR A NEW TANK, HE FEELS IT CAN BE REPAIRED/REPLACED CHEAPER. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER IS AGAINST PATCHING THE TANK, HE STATED THE BUDGET WAS CUT WITH THE INTENTION ONE TIME PURCHASES COULD BE PAID OUT OF ARPA FUNDS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TANK FROM EMERGENCY FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR \$22,431.17, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE ARPA FUNDS. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER ADAMS NAY. MOTION CARRIED 2-1.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS QUESTIONED WHEN THE LAWN SPRAYING CONTACT WAS RENEWED. IT WAS RENEWED EARLIER THIS YEAR. HE STATED CHARLES THIMESCH LAWNCARE NEEDED TO KNOW WHEN OR WHAT THEY ARE SPRAYING. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER WILL CONTACT YOUNIE LANDSCAPE TO HAVE THEM CONTACT CHARLES THIMESCH WHEN SPRAYING.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS STATED HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT THE OLD SCHOOL IN PRESTON AGAIN. TYSON STATED HE HAD GIVEN THE OWNERS CONTACT INFORMATION TO MAYOR STANTON.

MICHELLE VAKULENKO, BCBS REPRESENTATIVE, PRESENTED THE BCBS RENEWAL. SHE WENT OVER THE RENEWAL RATES. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADD THE FLEX ACCESS TO THE BCBS POLICY. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. THEY WILL REVIEW THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS AND MAKE A DECISION AT A LATER DATE.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR MARCH 20, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER GAVE A REPORT ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. THE PHONES ARE HOOKED UP AND THE LEAK HAS BEEN REPAIRED.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:02 PM. COMMISSIONER ADAMS  
SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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THOMAS W JONES III                      CHAIRMAN

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DWIGHT ADAMS                              MEMBER

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LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

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RICK N SHRIVER                              MEMBER