THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE 3RD FLOOR COURTROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES III, GLENN A. L. BORHO AND JOE R. REYNOLDS. TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, AND SHERRY KRUSE, COUNTY CLERK WERE ALSO PRESENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR ASKED EVERYONE TO STATE THEIR NAME WHEN SPEAKING SINCE THE MEETING WAS BEING LIVE STREAMED OVER “ZOOM”. MARK GRABER, I T, SAID PUBLIC COMMENTS COULD STILL BE ANSWERED FROM THOSE WHO ARE STREAMING.

GARY SCHMIDT, PRATT CITY MAYOR, JASON LESLIE, CITY COMMISSIONER, ZACH DEEDS, CITY COMMISSIONER, DOUG MEYER, CITY COMMISSIONER, SHERRY BESSER, PRMC, REGINA PROBST, CITY ATTORNEY, TRACEY BEVERLIN, COUNTY ATTORNEY, SHERRY WENRICH, REGISTER OF DEEDS, NATE HUMBLE, CHIEF OF POLICE, D J MCMURRAY, COUNTY APPRAISER, DR. CANNATA, HEALTH OFFICER, BRUCE PINKALL, CITY MANAGER AND TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER, WERE IN THE AUDIENCE.

DARCIE VAN DER VYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, STATED THE GOVERNOR ISSUED A STAY AT HOME ORDER ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 EFFECTIVE MARCH 30, 2020 AT 12:01 A.M.; TRACEY BEVERLIN SAID THEY ARE WORKING ON A UNIFIED RESPONSE TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO ABIDE BY THE EXECUTIVE ORDER WHICH INCLUDES HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS; DR. CANNATA SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO PRESENT A STAY AT HOME ORDER TODAY BUT THE GOVERNOR HAD ALREADY DONE IT BUT THAT DOESN’T NECESSARILY MEAN IT WILL END ON APRIL 19, 2020; DR. CANNATA SAID HE HAS BEEN PLEASED WITH THE RESPONSE AND THAT PEOPLE ARE TAKING IT SERIOUSLY; WITH THE NICE WEATHER IT IS HARDER TO CONTINUE THE SOCIAL DISTANCING; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED IF PRATT COUNTY STILL HAD ZERO CASES; DARCIE VAN DER VYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, SAID NO CONFIRMED CASES BUT WE DO HAVE PENDING CASES; CHAIRMAN JONES STATED HE SAW KIDS PLAYING FOOTBALL AND NOT PRACTICING THE SOCIAL DISTANCING; DARCIE SAID THEY SUPPORT THE STAY AT HOME ORDER BUT LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL HAVE TO ENFORCE IT; NATE HUMBLE, CHIEF OF POLICE, SAID THEY ARE TRYING TO USE THE PROACTIVE APPROACH AND EXPLAIN IN A POSITIVE MANNER THAT THEY NEED TO ADHERE TO THE ORDER AND IF THEY DON’T, THE POLICE WILL TAKE ACTION; IT IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR; REGINA PROBST REPORTED THAT THE CITY MANAGER HAD CLOSED ALL THE PLAYGROUNDS DUE TO ANY POSSIBLE SURFACE CONTAMINATION; TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER, SAID THEY CONTINUE DAILY BRIEFINGS WITH THE STATE; SOME PROBLEMS GETTING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES; CONTINUE TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR MORE RESOURCES, MASKS, GOWNS, SUPPLIES; 200 TEST KITS SHOULD BE AT THE HOSPITAL TOMORROW; TIM SAID 1ST RESPONDERS ALL HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF SOMETHING; BRUCE PINKALL SAID WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD AND THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION; CHAIRMAN JONES SAID HE WAS GLAD WE ARE ALL HERE; TIM BRANSCOM ALSO STATED THAT USD 382 HAD DONATED HAND SANITIZER AND CLEANING SUPPLIES SINCE THEY WOULD NOT BE USING THEM; DARCIE VAN DER VYVER SAID THEY ARE RECEIVING A LOT OF CALLS ASKING ABOUT ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND THEY ARE DIRECTING THEM TO THE WEBSITE; NATE HUMBLE SAID THEY ARE ALSO DIRECTING PEOPLE TO WEBSITES; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED IF THEY WERE ROPING OFF THE PLAYGROUNDS AND BRUCE PINKALL SAID THEY ARE POSTING SIGNS AND USING CAUTION TAPE; GREEN SPACE AT THE PARKS IS STILL AVAILABLE.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD&BRIDGE/LAKE DIRECTOR, REQUESTED A TEN-MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:20 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER
REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:30 P.M.
TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS
SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. DOUG DISCUSSED CLOSING THE PLAYGROUND AT THE LAKE;
COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SAID HE HAS SEEN KIDS PLAYING BASKETBALL AND PROBABLY SHOULD
ROPE THAT OFF; FISHING AND CAMPING WILL STILL BE ALLOWED AT THE LAKE.

JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL/RECYCLING SUPERVISOR, ASKED ABOUT CLOSING THE RECYCLE CENTER
TEMPORARILY; 40-50 PEOPLE A DAY ARE COMING IN; TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, SAID
HE WOULD HAVE TO CALL JASON TOMORROW SINCE THERE IS NO CLEAR ANSWER IN THE EXECUTIVE
ORDER; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS ASKED IF NO ONE WAS GETTING OUT OF THEIR VEHICLE AND JASON
SAID THEY ARE DOING BETTER BUT VIRUS REMAINS ON PLASTIC FOR THREE DAYS AND THEY SEPARATE
THE PLASTICS BY HAND; THEY HAVE STOPPED PICKING UP CARDBOARD; HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE MUST STAY OPEN BUT CAN RESTRICT HOURS; SATURDAY SOMEONE BROUGHT IN A 55 GALLONS
OF PAINT; JASON REPORTED THE SCRAPERS AIR COMPRESSOR NEEDS SOME REPAIRS BUT NO CLUE ON
THE COST YET; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED IF THEY COULD BE FIXED ON SITE AND JASON SAID YES
THEY CAN BE; JASON ASKED THAT THEY CHANGE BACK TO WINTER HOURS FOR NOW TO CUT DOWN ON
EMPLOYEE OVERTIME; USING SIGNS AND GLOVES AND CLEANING A LOT; TYSON EISENHAUER SAID
PEOPLE ARE SUPPOSE TO BE STAYING HOME BECAUSE OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER; JASON SAID THEY
WILL LOSE A LOT OF MONEY AND THEY OPERATE ON REVENUES; JASON REPORTED THEY ARE GETTING A
LOT OF ROOFING COMPANIES USING THE LANDFILL.

TIFFANY AILSTOCK, RSVP DIRECTOR, SUBMITTED A BILL AND CHECK THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVED
AND SIGNED; COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION WENT WELL; PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS STILL RUNNING
BUT ONLY HALF OF WHAT IT NORMALLY IS; STILL PROVIDING MEALS TO HOME BOUND AND ABOUT 90
PEOPLE A DAY PICK UP MEALS; COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED IF THE BUS DRIVERS ARE OK WITH STILL
DRIVING AND TIFFANY SAID THE BUS DRIVERS TAKE THEIR JOBS VERY SERIOUSLY.

SHERIFF WHITE ASKED IF THE COMMISSIONERS HAD ANYTHING FOR HIM; COMMISSIONER BORHO SAID
SHE HAD SEEN WHERE THERE WERE NO NEW PRISONERS SINCE MARCH 20; SHERIFF WHITE SAID THEY
ARE NOT TAKING OUT OF COUNTY PRISONERS AT THIS TIME; SHERIFF WHITE WANTED EVERYONE TO
REALIZE THEY ARE NOT LOSING ANY FREEDOMS; THEY ARE FOCUSING ON THE CRIMINALS; THEY ARE
NOT HERE TO HARASS ANYONE; TIM BRANSCOM ASKED SHERIFF WHITE TO REPORT TO THE BOARD
THAT THE TORNADO SIREN AT WILDLIFE, PARKS AND TOURISM IS NOT WORKING AND THEY ARE
WAITING ON PARTS.

DARCIE VAN DER VYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED WIC AND FAMILY PLANNING ARE BEING DONE
BY PHONE; COMMISSIONERS APPROVED TO LIMIT SERVICES AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR NOW;
STILL DOING IMMUNIZATIONS FOR CHILDREN UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE; WANT TO REDUCE FOOT
TRAFFIC FOR EMPLOYEES AND PATIENTS; WILL NOT PROVIDE EVENING HOURS ON WEDNESDAYS UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE; STAYING IN GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH ALL THE LOCAL CLINCS; NO
INFORMATION ON OUT-OF-COUNTY CASES.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, DISCUSSED A NEW PRESS RELEASE TO LOCK THE DOORS OF
THE COURTHOUSE; PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CALLING, EMAILING OR BY APPOINTMENT;
HOPEFULLY IT WILL ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO USE THE PHONE AND EMAIL; SHERRY WENRICH, REGISTER
OF DEEDS, SAID WE CAN DO SO MANY THINGS IF PEOPLE WILL JUST CALL OR EMAIL.
COMMISSIONER BORHO REQUESTED A THREE-MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 5:00 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THREE MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. 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 TO DONATE $150 TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR PRATT CRUISE NIGHT. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO APPOINTED DOUG REH TO SERVE ON THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.

CHAIRMAN JONES APPOINTED RYAN LUNT TO SERVE ON THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS APPOINTED JACK KENNEDY TO SERVE ON THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, SAID THERE IS A LOT GOING ON AND APRIL 1ST, 2020 NEW LAWS GO INTO EFFECT FOR THE EXPANDED FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE UNDER THE FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT; MUST PROVIDE NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES.

COMMISSIONERS CONDUCTED A PHONE CONFERENCE WITH HEATHER MORGAN TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS; HEATHER SAID SHE HAS RECEIVED FOUR APPLICATIONS AND TWO INQUIRIES SO FAR.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 5:40 P.M. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS 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