

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, JUNE 12, 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 EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, LORI VOSS, 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 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 THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE RELEASED THE NEW MEDIAN WAGES FOR THE STATE. MEDIAN WAGES GREW 1.18% IN PRATT COUNTY. THE AVERAGE IS \$17.47 PER HOUR IN PRATT COUNTY. SHE WILL SEND THE REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS TO SHOW WHERE PRATT COUNTY EMPLOYEES RANK IN THE SURVEY AS FAR AS MEDIAN WAGES. SHE FILLED OUT THE COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT SURVEY ON PRATT COUNTY'S BEHALF. MOST OF THE GRANTS GO TO THE EASTERN PART OF THE STATE. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REPORTED THERE WAS AN EQUINE PROJECT BUT PRATT COUNTY DID NOT HAVE THE ACREAGE THEY WERE REQUIRING. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS A NEW MORE ACCURATE BROAD BAND MAP. KANSAS IS ENTITLED TO A LARGER AMOUNT OF ARPA FUNDS TO EXPAND THE BROAD BAND IN RURAL AREAS. PRATT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS MEETING WEDNESDAY TO APPROVE A FAÇADE GRANT FOR THE SAWYER COOP AND ESTABLISH A NEW FINANCIAL ADVISOR.

DONNA GORMAN AND SAMANTHA LANDIS, DCCCA, PRESENTED THEIR 2024 BUDGET. DONNA WENT OVER THEIR SERVICES AND THE NUMBER OF CLIENTS TREATED. THEY ARE ASKING FOR A SLIGHT INCREASE FROM 2023.

DAVID SCHMIDT, USD 382 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, GAVE THE COMMISSIONERS AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS AT THE PRRC BUILDING. HE HAD A LIST OF ITEMS THEY ARE WORKING ON. THEY ARE LOOKING AT OCCUPYING THE BUILDING JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, WITH STUDENTS ABLE TO START SCHOOL IN THIS BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 5, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TRACEY BEVERLIN, COUNTY ATTORNEY, PRESENTED HER 2024 BUDGET. SHE IS REQUESTING AN INCREASE TO PURCHASE A NEW SOFTWARE CALLED PROSECUTOR BY KARPEL. IT WAS SUGGESTED ARPA FUNDS COULD ASSIST WITH PURCHASE.

JON ROACH, NOXIOUS WEED, GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE TRUCK BEING REPAIRED AT FAIRBANKS IN WICHITA. THE MOTORS ARE FINE AND THE PUMPS CAN BE REPAIRED, JUST WAITING ON THE PARTS. AN ESTIMATE ON THE PUMPS IS \$1500.00.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH REDROCK PROTECTION FOR TERMITES AT \$275.00 PER YEAR. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER REPORTED THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH ANOTHER SMOKE ALARM AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING.

CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR JUNE 12, 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TARA PAGENKOPF, RSVP DIRECTOR, PRESENTED CHECKS FOR SIGNATURES. SHE REPORTED THE OLDER AC UNIT AT THE OLD EMS BUILDING DOESN'T KEEP THE AREA COOL. ALSO, REPORTED THE OUTSIDE LIGHTS ARE ON 24/7. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER RECOMMENDED HAVING THE AC UNIT CHECKED OUT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS STATED TO CALL SOMEONE AND HAVE THEM CHECK IT OUT.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:02 PM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER 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