

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, JUNE 26, 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, 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 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED A \$41 MILLION TRUNK BROADLINE GRANT TO GO ACROSS KANSAS. THIS WILL IMPROVE PIPE TO CONNECT PRATT TO WICHITA. THE GOVERNOR ALSO ANNOUNCED \$471 MILLION WAS RECEIVED IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MORE BROADBAND IN THE RURAL AREAS. IT WILL BE A GRANT PROCESS THAT COMPANIES APPLY FOR. LAST FRIDAY IT WAS ANNOUNCED SPARK FUNDS WERE AWARDED FOR MEDICINE LODGE, ATTICA, GREENSBURG AND ANTHONY FOR CHILD CARE. KIOWA COUNTY CONTACTED PRATT COUNTY TO SEE IF THEY WOULD WANT TO APPLY TOGETHER FOR A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR DAYCARE PROVIDERS. THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE NO PROBLEM WRITING PRATT INTO THAT GRANT. THERE WAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CALVIN REED IS THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SENT AN EMAIL THAT PRATT COUNTY AND ALL SMALL CITIES WILL NEED TO OBTAIN A UEI NUMBER. THEY WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR THIS.

CATHERINE ROHRER, SCKCCA, PRESENTED BIDS FOR HER FURNACE AND DUCT WORK REPLACEMENT. BIDS WERE RECEIVED FROM INTEGREN SERVICES INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,495.00, THE SECOND BID WAS FROM ECK SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,836.00. INTEGREN BID NEW, ECK BID REPAIRS, REPLACE WHAT WAS NEEDED. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM INTEGREN SERVICES INC TO REPLACE FURNACE AND DUCT WORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,495.00. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BJ HAYES, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/ZONING, REPORTED ON THE BELVIDERE WEATHER TOWER AND THE GRANT THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AVAILABLE, THE QUOTE WAS INSTALLATION ONLY, NOT THE ACTUAL TOWER. THE GRANT WAS FOR \$151,000 WHICH COVERS THE LABOR AND GENERATOR BUT DOES NOT COVER THE TOWER. THE TOWER WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$300,000. BJ AND THE OTHER COUNTIES ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE TOWER WORKS AS IS. THE CABLES AND LIGHTS HAVE BEEN REPLACED AND IT HAS BEEN REPAINTED. THERE IS NO MORE MONEY IN THE GRANT TO PURCHASE A NEW TOWER. THE COMMISSIONERS SUGGESTED HE APPLY FOR GRANT MONEY TO REPLACE THE GENERATOR. BJ WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A TOPPER FOR HIS TRUCK. HE FOUND ONE IN WICHITA, INSTALLATION, PAINTED & WIRED QUOTED FOR \$2732.00. THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE PURCHASE.

ASHLEY SMITH, PRATT AREA CHAMBER PRESIDENT/CEO, PRESENTED THE CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. THEY HAVE CHANGED THE LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP TO PLATINUM, GOLD, OR SILVER. SHE GAVE A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE BENEFITS OF EACH LEVEL. SHE GAVE A SHORT PRESENTATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAMBER OFFICE. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLATINUM LEVEL OF \$2000.00 TO BE PAID OUT OF THE COMMISSIONER BUDGET. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DAVID SCHMIDT, USD 382 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, PRESENTED A LIST OF THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE AT THE PRRC BUILDING. TYSON STATED HE HAS THE RESOLUTION READY SO THE LEASE CAN BE EXECUTED. HE READ RESOLUTION 06262023, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF A PUBLIC BUILDING PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 19-15,117. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 06262023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH USD 382. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. THERE SHOULD BE A WALK THROUGH WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THE LEASE. TYSON STATED THE TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST WILL BE FILED WITH A COPY OF THE SIGNED LEASE.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER BROUGHT UP THE FIRE MARSHALL'S REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER THE ELEVATOR AND HIRE A THIRD-PARTY COMPANY TO INSPECT THE ELEVATOR. CLERK VOSS WAS AWARE AND CONTACTING TK ELEVATOR, REGISTERING THE ELEVATOR AND CONTACTING A THIRD-PARTY COMPANY.

CLERK VOSS PRESENTED A REQUEST FROM SOUTHWEST KANSAS AREA AGENCY ON AGING, PRATT COUNTY NEEDS THREE PEOPLE TO REPRESENT THEM. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL ASK AROUND FOR VOLUNTEERS.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES AT 3:02 PM FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER DISCUSSING THE LEGAL PROCESS OF SELLING REAL ESTATE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN AT 3:09 PM. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TYSON TO PREPARE NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF SALE FOR PROPERTY ON NORTH 61 HIGHWAY. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BILLY HAMPTON, FIRE/RESCUE, PRESENTED A NEW HIRE SLIP FOR COLBY SHRIVER. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO HIRE COLBY SHRIVER FOR FIRE/RESCUE. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER RECUSED HIMSELF FROM VOTING FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST. BILLY WENT OVER HIS NEW FIRE/RESCUE TRUCK NUMBERS. HE REPORTED FIRE/RESCUE WOULD BE AT THE FAIR FOR THE TRUCK PULL AND THE DEMO DERBY.

CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED MARK ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH THE WEB SITE COMPANY, HE SAID THEY HAVE SCHEDULED MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR JUNE 26, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:29 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