THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1ST FLOOR IN THE COURTHOUSE. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES, GLENN L. BORHO AND JOE R. REYNOLDS. TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR AND LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

ALSO, PRESENT WERE: BRUCE PINKALL, CITY MANAGER, JACKIE MUNDT, CIARA HODGKINSON, KRISTEN HODGKINSON, CHASE GALLE, CORRINE TRIMPE, TERRY RICHARDSON, TOM SCHNITTKER AND MARK PLOGER.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REMINDED EVERYONE THE MEETING WAS BEING STREAMED OVER ZOOM AND TO PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME WHEN SPEAKING; MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR WILL WATCH FOR ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL/RECYCLING SUPERVISOR REPORTED THEY ARE READY FOR CLEAN UP WEEK STARTING JULY 6, AT THE LANDFILL. REPORTED HE HAD PURCHASED NEW TIRES FOR THE GRADER. HE IS STILL SENDING RECYCLING OUT.

CATHERINE ROHRER, SCKCCA DIRECTOR, REPORTED SHE HAD SENT OUT BIDS FOR A CAR AND HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY BACK. SHE REPORTED SHE WAS LOOKING FOR A CHEVROLET MALIBU OR A FORD FOCUS AND SHE MIGHT HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR TO PURCHASE.

DARCIE VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED FIVE NEW CASES IN PRATT COUNTY, HAS A PRESS RELEASE TO PUBLISH. TRAVEL FROM KANSAS TO FL, SC, AZ, AL AND AR, REQUIRE A FOURTEEN DAY QUARANTINE WHEN RETURNING. SHE REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL FOR 15 MINUTES. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:10 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL, COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION AT 4:15 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ROBERT TORRES, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, REPORTED ON THE EXPERIMENTAL STUDY ON THISEL REMOVAL.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD SUPERVISOR, ROAD CROSSINGS WERE PRESENTED FOR LIBERTY MIDSTREAM PIPELINE LLC, HOUSTON, TX TO CONSTRUCT A 24” STEEL CRUDE OIL PIPELINE.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM JUNE 22, 2020 MEETING. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR JUNE 29, 2020. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

APRIL SWARTZ, VARNEY & ASSOCIATES, CPA’S, LLC, GAVE HER REPORT ON THE PRATT COUNTY ANNUAL AUDIT AND WENT OVER THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. REPORTED THERE WERE NO ISSUES AND THE COUNTY WAS IN GOOD FINANCIAL STANDING.
TERRY RICHARDSON ASKED FOR A DELAY IN BUILDING THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. TYSON EISENHAUER REPORTED PUTTING IT OUT TO BID NOW COULD GET BETTER INTEREST RATES AND LOWER BIDS. COMMISSIONER BORHO STATED THE BUILDING NEEDS TO BE BUILT. COMMISSIONER JONES STATED IT WOULD BE DISCUSSED LATER RATHER TO PUT THE PROJECT ON HOLD.

BILL HAMPTON, FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF, REPORTED HE HAD BEEN WORKING ON FIREWORK STANDS IN THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER JONES ASKED TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR THE STATUS OF THE ROOF AT THE LEC. TYSON REPORTED AR ROOFING HAD OTHER JOBS AHEAD OF THE LEC AND HE WAS WAITING ON BOND INFORMATION FROM AR ROOFING.

CORRINE TRIMPE, REQUESTED A LIST OF ALL PRATT COUNTY VEHICLES. LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK WILL GET THAT LIST TO HER.

SUSIE BLASI, AGREED WITH MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO EMS/FIRE BUILDING. SHE ASKED ABOUT HARDENED AREAS FOR PART OF THE BUILDING TO PROTECT THE AMBULANCES AND FIRE EQUIPMENT. IT WAS DISCUSSED IN THE INITIAL PLANS AND IT WAS TOO COSTLY.

HEATHER MORGAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, REPORTED ON THE SPARK PROGRAM. A TASK FORCE HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR KELLY TO OVERSEE PHASE I OF THE PROGRAM. THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE 1.8 MILLION DOLLARS AFTER PASSING THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND RESOLUTION. ALL FUNDS WILL ONLY REIMBURSE THOSE EXPENSES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN COVERED BY FEDERAL, STATE OR OTHER GRANTS. ALL REIMBURSEMENTS WILL ONLY BE PAID IF A RECEIPT IS PRESENTED. HEATHER WILL REPORT WITH THE UPDATED GUIDELINES AND RULES AS THEY APPLY. AMY JONES, TREASURER WAS DESIGNATED AS THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE, TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING DIRECTOR IS SECOND CONTACT. A LOCAL TASK FORCE WILL NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE. COMMISSIONERS ARE CONTACTING LOCAL CITIZENS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO PASS THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND RESOLUTION, COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO REQUESTED A RECESS FOR 5 MINUTES AT 6:10 P.M. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM RECESS AT 6:15 P.M., COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REPORTED HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH KEVIN COWAN, GILMORE & BELL, CONCERNING THE BOND AMOUNT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. IT WAS DECIDED REQUEST 7.8 MILLION FOR BOND CONSIDERATION. PRATT BUILDING COMMISSION WILL BE CONTACTED AND PRESENT AT COMMISSIONER MEETING.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 6:50 P.M. TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020, AT 9:00 A.M. FOR THE BUDGET STUDY SESSION. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING RECESSED.
THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN RECESSED SESSION THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1ST FLOOR IN THE COURTHOUSE. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES, GLENN L. BORHO AND JOE R. REYNOLDS. TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR AND LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: GALE ROSE, PRATT TRIBUNE AND MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REMINDED EVERYONE THE MEETING WAS BEING STREAMED OVER ZOOM AND TO PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME WHEN SPEAKING; MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR WILL WATCH FOR ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

COMMISSIONERS WENT OVER BUDGETS FOR 2021. CONTACTED APRIL SWARTZ WITH VARNEY AND ASSOCIATES WITH QUESTIONS.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS FOR FORTY-FIVE MINUTES AT 11:45 A.M. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING RECESSED FOR FORTY-FIVE MINUTES.

COMMISSIONER JONES CALLED RECESSED MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:30 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS MADE PRELIMINARY CHANGES TO SOME BUDGETS.

COMMISSIONER BORHO DISCUSSED THE 1.8 MILLION DOLLARS THE COUNTY WILL BE RECEIVING FROM THE SPARK (STRENGTHENING PEOPLE REVITALIZING KANSAS) PROGRAM. THE SPARK COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST OF JACKIE MUNDT AT LARGE, WESTON GOYEN, FINANCE, MARK FINCHAM, AGRICULTURE AND JOHN KELLER, BUSINESS. THEIR FIRST MEETING WILL BE JULY 10, 2020. THE PLAN HAS TO BE TO TOPEKA BY AUGUST 15, 2020, TOPEKA HAS TO BE NOTIFIED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 WITH THE AMOUNT LEFT OVER AND THAT WILL NEED TO BE PAID BACK BY DECEMBER 31, 2020. TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR WILL REACH OUT TO SCOT LOYD WITH SWINDOLL, JANZEN, HAWK AND LOYD, HUTCHINSON, KS TO OVERSEE THE SPARK PROGRAM.

THE COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED THE GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING THE MANDATING OF MASKS. IT WAS DECIDED TO NOT OPT OUT AT THIS TIME AND TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR’S ORDERS BUT ENCOURAGING MASKS NOT MANDATING. DARCIE VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, DR CANNATA, HEALTH OFFICER, TRACEY BEVERLIN, COUNTY ATTORNEY WILL PUT TOGETHER A PRESS RELEASE FOR LATER TODAY.
COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:10 P.M. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED

THOMAS W. JONES III
CHAIRMAN

GLENNA L. BORHO
MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

JOE R. REYNOLDS
MEMBER