

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023 AT 2:00 PM IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1ST 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 AND THE PATTERSON FAMILY FOUNDATION, ARE WORKING TOGETHER CO-FUNDING GRANTS FOR RURAL OPPORTUNITIES, WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE A VIBRANT ART PROGRAM. THEY WILL CO-FUND A PROJECT TO BENEFIT LOCAL ART PROGRAMS. SHE ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS IF THEY WANTED HER TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO START THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR THE GRANT. SHE WILL CONTACT THE LOCAL ART VENUES FOR THEIR INPUT. THERE ARE ALSO HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS. THE MAIN STREET BUILDINGS WOULD QUALIFY. THEY WANT TO REVITALIZE DOWNTOWNS. IT IS A 50/50 MATCH TO RENOVATE RETAIL MAIN FLOOR WITH HOUSING UPSTAIRS. THE STATE WOULD PAY HALF, THE DEVELOPER WOULD PAY THE OTHER HALF. THE TAX CREDITS AND PRESERVATION GRANTS CAN BE COMBINED. TAX CREDITS START OVER JULY 1, 2023. IF THERE ARE SMALLER COMMUNITIES WITH WATER NEEDS, THERE ARE WATER GRANTS THEY CAN CONTACT THE STATE OR THEY CAN CONTACT HEATHER. SHE WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST.

JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL/RECYCLING SUPERVISOR, REPORTED HE RECEIVED HIS ADC MACHINE. HE PRESENTED A PICTURE OF THE SPRAY AT THE LANDFILL. HE REPORTED THE LOADER BEING REPAIRED IS STILL IN SHOP. MOST OF THE COST WILL BE COVERED UNDER WARRANTY. HE REPORTED THEY ARE TAKING IN A LOT OF SHINGLES AT THE LANDFILL. HE NEEDS TO REPAIR THE BACK BALER AT THE RECYCLING CENTER. HE PRESENTED A QUOTE FOR REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,350.52 FROM HWI EQUIPMENT INC. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FOR \$3,350.52 FROM HWI EQUIPMENT INC FOR THE BALER REPAIR. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. HE REPORTED HE HAD GONE TO SURROUNDING COUNTIES TO CHECK THEIR RECYCLING PROCESS.

APRIL SWARTZ, VARNEY & ASSOCIATES PRESENTED THE PRATT COUNTY 2022 AUDIT.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROAD CROSSING FOR ENERGY TRANSER LP AT 22-27S-15W NEAR NW 110TH AVE/NW 30TH STREET. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 26, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:33 PM FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS A NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL ISSUE CONCERNING PARKING. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:40 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:47 PM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

THOMAS W JONES III CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT ADAMS MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

RICK N SHRIVER MEMBER