THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, JULY 6, 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, DOUG REH, JACK KENNEDY, RYAN LUNT, BARB PRATER, SPENCER SIROKY, JILL HODGKINSON, KRISTEN HODGKINSON, FAYE KUHN, JOHN COCHRAN AND GALE ROSE.

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.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD SUPERVISOR, REPORTED HEFT & SON ARE DONE MAKING ASPHALT, THEY WILL BE LAYING 9-11 MILES, APPROXIMATELY 4-5 MILES AT CROFT, WORK AT NORTHERN NATURAL AND SOUTH OF CAIRO. REPORTED FOURTH OF JULY WENT WELL.

JIMMY WHITE, SHERIFF, REPORTED HE HAD GOTTEN SPECS FROM HOPPER GLASS ON LEC WINDOWS AND DOORS, IT WASN’T CLEAR WHAT WAS INCLUDED. IT WAS DECIDED KELLY MCMURPHY WITH LANDMARK WILL GET THE SPECS DONE SO IT CAN BE PUT OUT TO BID.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING DIRECTOR REPORTED THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXPIRES JULY 16, 2020. HE WOULD LIKE TO RENEW WITH NO END DATE FOR AS LONG AS NEEDED. TYSON WILL CHECK WITH THE GOVERNOR’S ORDERS.


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

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK, ASKED FOR A TEN MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:17 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE AT MOTION AT 4:20 P.M. TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BILL HAMPTON, FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF, CHECKING ON STATUS OF THE WATER WELL NORTH OF COATS THAT WAS DUG BY BLATNER FOR NEXTERA. TYSON IS CHECKING INTO A NEW APPLICATION FOR THE WATER WELL.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REPORTED SCOT LOYD WITH SWINDOLL, JANSEN, HAWK & LOYD ACCOUNTING FIRM IS INTERESTED IN OVERSEEING THE ACCOUNTING SIDE OF THE SPARK PROGRAM. HE WILL SEND AN AGREEMENT FOR TYSON TO LOOK OVER AND PRESENT TO THE COMMISSIONERS.
TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, PRESENTED A CONTRACT FOR JOSEPH ROTH FOR THE APPRAISER’S OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR JULY 6, 2020. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DARCIE VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED IT IS THE START OF THEIR FISCAL YEAR FOR GRANTS AND PROGRAMS. MEETING WITH HEALTH ENTITIES CONCERNING SPARK PAYMENTS.

COMMISSIONER BORHO REQUESTED A FIFTEEN MINUTE RECESS AT 4:45 P.M. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECESS FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM RECESS AT 5:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

HEATHER MORGAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, REPORTED THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAD MET TO UPDATE THE SPARK TOOL KIT AND Q & A’S. REPORTED THEY WERE GOING TO ALLOW FOR INCUMBRANCES, ITEMS ORDERED BUT UNABLE TO BE DELIVERED TO BE CARRIED INTO 2021. SPARK COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE THE BEST WAY TO SUBMIT REQUESTS, POST ON WEB SITE WITH REQUIREMENTS WHEN THE RULES AND GUIDELINES ARE SET BY THE STATE.

COMMISSIONER JONES ASKED KELLY McMURPHY, LANDMARK ARCHITECT TO GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. HE EXPLAINED THE DESIGN AND FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED NEW BUILDING. TIME FRAME WOULD BE 16-20 MONTHS.

COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION TO GIVE AUTHORITY TO PRATT BUILDING COMMISSION TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS. THEREUPON THERE WAS PRESENTED A RESOLUTION ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $7,800,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER FACILITY IN PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS. THEREUPON COMMISSIONER GLENN BORHO MOVED THAT SAID RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOE REYNOLDS. SAID RESOLUTION WAS Duly READ AND CONSIDERED, AND UPON BEING PUT, THE MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF SAID RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BODY, THE VOTE BEING AS FOLLOWS:

AYE: CHAIRMAN TOM JONES, COMMISSIONER JOE REYNOLDS, AND COMMISSIONER GLENN BORHO.
NAY: NONE.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:45 P.M. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

THOMAS W. JONES III CHAIRMAN

GLENNA L. BORHO MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

JOE R. REYNOLDS MEMBER