THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1ST FLOOR IN THE COURTHOUSE. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES, GLENNA L. BORHO AND JOE R. REYNOLDS. TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR AND LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK, WERE ALSO PRESENT. ALSO, PRESENT, DOUG REH, RYAN LUNT, SPENCER SIROKY, DON PETERS, DOUG MEYER, REGINA PROBST, BRUCE PINKALL, BERRY BORTZ 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 THE BRIDGE REPORTS ARE GOING DIGITAL AND WOULD LIKE TO GET PRICES ON TRANSFERRING RECORDS TO DIGITAL. REPORTED HE WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A NEW GRADER THAT WOULD BE READY BY THE END OF NOVEMBER, 2020, WILL BRING IN BID PRICE. REPORTED ASPHALT WAS SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF THE RAIN.

JASON WINKEL, RECYCLING/LANDFILL SUPERVISOR, REPORT CLEAN UP WEEK WENT WELL LAST WEEK. TOOK IN A TOTAL OF 145.63 TONS AND WILL BE BILLING THE CITY $45.00 PER TON. GOT BIDS FOR GRADER TIRES AT COOPER TIRE, $3,300.00 FOR HERCULES AND $4,840.00 FOR BRIDGESTONE. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR THE FOUR HERCULES TIRES FOR $3,300.00. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

CATHERINE ROHRER REPORTED SHE HAS HIRED A PART TIME JUVENILE INTAKE EMPLOYEE.

TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING DIRECTOR, PRESENTED THE COVID 19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESOLUTION 07-13-2020, IT WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL THE COMMISSIONERS RESCIND IT. HE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A 2017-2018 TRUCK TO REPLACE HIS AND HIS WOULD GO TO MIKE TIBBETTS, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR.

DARCIE VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED PRATT COUNTY HAS 16 CASES, 12 RECOVERED, 4 ACTIVE CASES OF COVID 19. HER GRANTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

BRUCE PINKALL, CITY MANAGER, DISCUSSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF SPARK MONEY THE CITY OF PRATT WAS PROPOSED TO RECEIVE.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION PAST CHAIRMAN DOUG REH, BROUGHT THEIR MEETING TO ORDER WITH MEMBER RYAN LUNT PRESENT. RYAN LUNT MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DOUG REH, VICE PRESIDENT, DOUG REH SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. DOUG REH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JACK KENNEDY AS PRESIDENT AND RYAN LUNT AS SECRETARY. RYAN LUNT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. DOUG REPORTED HE HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AND HAD QUESTIONS FOR KEVIN COWAN AND WAS WAITING ON HIS RETURN CALL. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN AMOUNT PUT IN THE RESOLUTION THAT THE COUNTY IS WILLING TO PUT DOWN AS A DOWN PAYMENT, THEN ISSUE BONDS FOR THE REMAINING AMOUNT. DOUG WILL VISIT WITH KEVIN AND GET THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED. THEY WILL MEET NEXT WEEK WHEN JACK KENNEDY CAN ATTEND.
TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, REPORTED HE HAD CONTACTED DEVAN WITH AMERICAN TOWER, THEY ARE SHORT ON DRAFTING ATTORNEYS DUE TO COVID-19 SO THERE IS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT. HE ALSO REPORTED RURAL HOUSING SERVICES AS MORTGAGE HOLDER FOR WALNUT GROVE APARTMENTS WILL BE PAYING DELIQUENT TAXES OF APPROXIMATELY $68,000.

HEATHER MORGAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, REPORTED SPARK COMMITTEE MEMBERS MET JULY 10, TO DISCUSS THE TAX ENITIES REQUESTS. SHE GAVE A PRESENTATION OF THE AMOUNTS APPROVED AT THIS TIME. THEY LEFT $150,000 FOR PRATT COUNTY BUSINESSES AND $150,000 FOR PRATT COUNTY AG PRODUCERS AND BUSINESSES. THE CITY OF PRATT REQUESTED THEY RESUBMIT THEIR REQUEST FOR THE COMMITTEE TO RE-EVALUATE. THE SPARK COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 17 AT 8 A.M. TO REVISIT THE REQUESTS AND AMOUNTS AWARDED.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, PRESENTED A CONTRACT FROM SWINDOLL, JANZEN, HAWK & LOYD, LLC, FOR D. SCOT LOYD, CPA FOR $35,000 TO BE THE CONSULTANT FOR THE SPARK PROGRAM. CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR $35,000 TO SWINDOLL, JANZEN, HAWK & LOYD, LLC FOR CONSULTING CONTRACT. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED FOR A 5 MINUTE RECESS AT 6:25 P.M. MEETING RESUMED AT 6:30 P.M.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR JULY 13, 2020. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL JULY 16, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M. FOR THE BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING RECESSED AT 7:10 P.M.

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN RECESSED MEETING THURSDAY JULY 16, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM, 1ST FLOOR OF THE PRATT COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: THOMAS W. JONES, GLENN A. BORHO AND JOE R. REYNOLDS. TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK, MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR, GALE ROSE, DR GENE CANNATA, HEALTH OFFICER AND DARCI VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR WERE ALSO PRESENT.

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DR GENE CANNATA, HEALTH OFFICER AND DARCI VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR ASKED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 07 03 2020 AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 07-16-2020, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, FOLLOWING THE GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-52. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 07 03 2020 AND TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 07-16-2020. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSED BUDGET AND WHERE TO MAKE REDUCTIONS TO MAKE UP FOR THE LOSS IN VALUATION. THEY PROPOSED CUTTING $60,000 FROM EMS SALARIES (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR), $50,000 FROM ROAD CAPITAL OUTLAY, $50,000 FROM ROAD FUEL AND $100,000 FROM LANDFILL CAPITAL OUTLAY. THE BUDGET PROPOSALS WILL NOW BE SENT TO OUR ACCOUNTANT FOR REVIEW. ANOTHER BUDGET WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD IN THE FUTURE, DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.
COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 6, 2020 MEETING. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:25 P.M. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIES 3-0. MEETING ADJOURNED.

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THOMAS W. JONES III                  CHAIRMAN

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GLENNA L. BORHO                      MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

JOE R. REYNOLDS                      MEMBER