THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, JULY 27, 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, 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; TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING DIRECTOR, WILL WATCH FOR ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD SUPERVISOR PRESENTED A ROAD CROSSING ALONG NE 10TH AVENUE IN THE ROW, TRAVELING SOUTH FROM NE 90TH STREET TO NE 20TH STREET FOR INSTALLING FIBER OPTIC NETWORK BY IDEATEK TELCOM, LLC. REPORTED THE RAIN HAD SLOWED DOWN ASPHALT AND GRADING.

ROBERT TORRES, ENVIRONMENTAL SUPERVISOR, ASKED FOR A FIVE MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:05 P.M. FOR FIVE MINUTES TO DISCUSS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:10 P.M. WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

HEATHER MORGAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, REPORTED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS THE SPARK COMMITTEE HAS MADE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE PROCESS. THE FOLLOWING WERE RECOMMENDED: PRATT COUNTY, WITH BUSINESS PPE REIMBURSEMENT AND AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS $876,340; PRMC, $461,233; PCC, $206,234; PRATT USD 382, $135,834; SKYLINE USD 438, $68,415; AND THE CITY OF PRATT, $75,520 FOR A TOTAL OF $1,823,576. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO SUBMIT THE SPARK COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE FOR APPROVAL AFTER TYSON AND HEATHER WORK WITH SCOT LOYD, ACCOUNTANT. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ROBERT TORRES, ENVIRONMENTAL SUPERVISOR, ASKED FOR A 10 MINUTE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION AT 4:20 P.M. TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. COMMISSIONER BORHO MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:30 P.M. WITH NOTHING TO REPORT. COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JOHN CROMER QUESTIONED IF THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IS BUILT WILL TAXES GO UP, COMMISSIONER BORHO SAID NO. ASK ABOUT THE COST OF THE BUILDING AND HOW MUCH WILL BE PUT DOWN, TYSON EXPLAINED THE BOND PROCESS. JOHN STATED HE WOULD LIKE THE DOLLARS TO BE SPENT REDUCING TAXES. JOHN WAS ASKED TO TAKE A TOUR OF THE CURRENT EMS BUILDING TO GET A BETTER IDEA WHY THE BUILDING IS NEEDED. JOHN ASKED THAT THE PROJECT BE HELD OFF FOR SIX MONTHS TO SEE WHERE THE COUNTY STANDS FINANCIALLY DUE TO COVID. COMMISSIONER JONES STATED THEY ARE GATHERING ALL THE INFORMATION SO THEY CAN MAKE THE BEST DECISION. TYSON EXPLAINED THE DUTIES OF THE PRATT PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION.
TIM BRANSCOM, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING DIRECTOR REPORTED 32 CASES OF COVID, 8 ACTIVE, 2 WERE TRANSFERRED OUT OF PRATT COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM JULY 20, 2020 AND JULY 23, 2020. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DJ MCMURRY, APPRAISER PRESENTED A CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED FOR JOSEPH ROTH FOR THE APPRAISER’S OFFICE.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR REPORTED ON THE WATER WELL, WANTS TO RESEARCH THE BILL OF SALE, THREE LANDOWNERS SHARE THE PROPERTY WHERE THE WELL IS LOCATED. THEY MUST ALL SIGN THE EASEMENT THEN WE CAN APPLY TO THE STATE.

TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR ALSO DISCUSSED BONDS, LENGTH, AMOUNT AND DOLLAR AMOUNT PUT DOWN OUT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT. NEEDS A GENERAL IDEA FOR KEVIN COWAN AND HIM TO PUT THE BONDS OUT FOR ISSUANCE. COMMISSIONER BORHO SUGGESTED SEVEN YEARS, NO PENALTY FOR PREPAYMENT, TWO MILLION DOLLARS DOWN, COMMISSIONER JONES AND COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS AGREED AND BOTH VERIFIED IT COULD BE CHANGED LATER.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR JULY 27, 2020. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER JONES STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO PUT THE PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE OUT TO BID. KCAMP HAS TO BE GIVEN 60 DAYS NOTICE THAT WE ARE GOING TO TERMINATE.

COMMISSIONER BORHO ASKED LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK TO CHECK WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ABOUT THE POLICY COVERAGE FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER INSTEAD OF JUNE TO MAY.

COMMISSIONER REYNOLDS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:30 P.M. COMMISSIONER BORHO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.