

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 EISENHAEUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, LORI VOSS, CLERK, AND MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TYSON EISENHAEUER, 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.

SCOT LOYD, LOYD GROUP LLC, DISCUSSED THE 2024 BUDGET FOR PRATT COUNTY.

HEATHER MORGAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COVID CONSULTANT, REPORTED ON THE KDOT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS. JAMIE HUBER AND HERSELF MET WITH KDOT. THERE ARE TWO LEVELS OF EV CHARGERS FAST CHARGING AND LEVEL 2 CHARGERS. KDOT SAYS PRATT COUNTY IS A PRIORITY AND WE COULD GET THE FAST CHARGING. KDOT WILL INCLUDE PRATT AS PART OF THEIR APPLICATION. PRATT WILL RECEIVE ONE FAST CHARGING STATION. PRATT POSSIBLY WILL RECEIVE TWO LEVEL 2 CHARGERS. POSSIBLE LOCATIONS COULD BE ONE AT THE COLLEGE AND ONE AT THE TENNIS COURTS/HOSPITAL AREA. THERE IS A 20% MATCH FOR THE LEVEL 2 CHARGERS. SHE IS CHECKING INTO DIFFERENT FUNDS/GRANTS TO QUALIFY OR THE PRIVATE SECTOR OWNED. THE CITY OF PRATT NOR PRATT COUNTY ARE INTERESTED IN OWNING THE LEVEL 2 CHARGERS. THEY WOULD NEED TO BE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERED. SHE REPORTED THERE IS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOTHING NEW WILL BE REVEIUED.

TAMMY SMITH, CEO AND ALAN WAITES CFO, PRMC, PRESENTED THEIR REPORTS. TAMMY REPORTED THEY ADDED CHRIS MILLER, ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON AND LARRY BEAMER, GENERAL SURGEON WHO IS WORKING PART TIME TEN DAYS A MONTH. CONTRACT LABOR IS STILL VERY COSTLY. ALAN GAVE A REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NINE MONTHS OF 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS QUESTIONED WHEN THE NEW HOSPITAL WAS BUILT \$6 MILLION WAS ABSORBED INTO THE NEW BOND. HE WANTS TO KNOW HOW MUCH ABOVE THE SALES TAX THAT PRMC PAYS TO COVER THE FIRST BOND. ALAN WILL CHECK INTO THIS AND REPORT BACK. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER QUESTIONED THE NUMBER OF RURAL HOSPITALS THAT ARE CLOSING. TAMMY STATED IT HAS TO DO WITH MEDICARE/MEDICAID PAYMENTS. HE ASKED IF THIS IS A CONCERN FOR PRMC. TAMMY STATED THIS IS WHY THEY ARE RECRUITING NEW SURGEONS SO THEY AREN'T MEDICARE/MEDICAID DEPENDENT.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD/LAKE SUPERVISOR, WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A WATER COOLER FOR HIS EMPLOYEES AT THE ROAD SHOP AT A COST OF \$3,750.00. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE A WATER COOLER FOR THE COUNTY SHOP FROM U-LINE AT A COST OF \$3,750.00. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. HE REPORTED THE COUNTY BARN IS BEING PAINTED. HE STATED HE WAS ASKED TO CLOSE THE ROAD BY THE GOLF COURSE FOR A WEDDING. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE NOT IN FAVOR, BUT SUGGESTED HE PUT UP CAUTION SIGNS FOR PEOPLE THAT WILL BE PARKING ON THE ROAD. HE WILL START LOOKING FOR A GRADER, WOULD LIKE

TO PURCHASE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE COST IS APPROXIMATELY \$350,000.00. HE WILL GET QUOTES AND REPORT BACK. HE REPORTED THERE WAS AN AUDIT FROM FEMA FOR WORK DONE AT THE LAKE, MAKING SURE THE MONEY WAS SPENT AT THE LAKE. THEY STATED THE JOB WAS WELL DONE AND THAT THEY OWE THE COUNTY AROUND \$82,000. THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT THE LAKE NEEDS TO BE REPLACED OR REPAIRED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RAISING DOUG FREUND TO \$923.08 BIWEEKLY PAY FOR THE LAKE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 31, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN JONES SIGNED THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT FROM GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT INC.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION FOR HIRE BONITA GRAPPER PART TIME/TEMPORARY FOR THE JANITOR POSITION AT \$10.50 PER HOUR AT RSVP. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:42 PM FOR TWENTY MINUTES FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING MULTIPLE LEGAL ISSUES. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:07 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

SCOT LOYD, LOYD GROUP LLC, REJOINED THE MEETING TO CONTINUE DISCUSSING THE 2024 BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR AUGUST 7, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE AT&T INVOICE OUT OF THE COURTHOUSE BUDGET. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:50 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