

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 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, RECEIVED A TEXT FROM THE CITY OF IUKA HAVING PROBLEMS WITH ARPA REPORTING. SHE IS ASSISTING THEM. SHE STATED IF THE CITY OF COATS/SAWYER ARE HAVING ISSUES THEY CAN CONTACT HER. CAROLYN DUNN WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, STAFFORD COUNTY CONTACTED HER ABOUT QUIVIRA NATIONAL REFUGE AGREEMENT CONCERNING WATER RIGHTS. SHE REPORTED THE CHIEF ENGINEER AT THE STATE IS INDEPENDENT OF ANY POLITICS. HE WILL DETERMINE IF ANYONE HAS BEEN IMPAIRED AND CAN IT BE REMEDIED. SHE STATED CAROLYN WAS ASKING FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT WITH STAFFORD COUNTY CONCERNING THE WATER RIGHTS. SHE READ PARTS OF THE LETTER. IF WATER RIGHTS HOLDERS IN NW PRATT COUNTY HAVE BEEN USING FULL WATER RIGHTS, THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WHICH WILL IMPACT THEIR CROPS AND FINANCIAL WELL BEING. TYSON STATED HE WILL DISCUSS THIS LATER IN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION. SHE IS UNSURE ON THE END DATE FOR THE WATER RIGHTS AGREEMENT, BUT SHOULD BE BY THE BEGINNING OF 2024. SHE FEELS POSITIVE THERE WILL BE MORE LITIGATION.

JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL/RECYCLING SUPERVISOR, PRESENTED A PAYSIP FOR HIRING JOE KASSELMAN AT THE LANDFILL. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JOE KASSELMAN AT \$17.50 PER HOUR FOR THE LANDFILL. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 21, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:11 PM FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING MULTIPLE LEGAL ISSUES.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN AT 2:26 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CHAIRMAN JONES SIGNING THE LETTER OF SUPPORT WITH STAFFORD COUNTY CONCERNING THE QUIVIRA WATER RIGHTS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:27 PM WITH DOUG FREUND, ROAD/LAKE FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL, DISCUSSING RAISES.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:42 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. DOUG PRESENTED A QUOTE ON A NEW GRADER FROM FOLEY EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$340,716.41. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BRIAN ATTEBERRY, EMS DIRECTOR, PRESENTED THREE QUOTES ON MOWERS FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. QUOTES FROM BTI, JOHN DEERE \$3100.00, MORGAN DIESEL, INC, RAMBLER, \$3269.00 AND STEVE'S REPAIR, KAWASAKI \$4,409.09. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE JOHN DEERE Z315E ZTRAK FROM BTI FOR \$3100.00. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:56 PM TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL CONCERNING AN EVENT. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:58 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR AUGUST 28, 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:04 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