

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, REPORTED SHE IS STILL WORKING WITH THE CITY OF IUKA CONCERNING ARPA FILING. SHE HAS FORWARDED TO DR MARSHALL'S OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE. CHARLES WRAY WAS AWARDED A USDA RURAL GRANT FOR \$15,000, TO INSTALL SOLAR. SHE IS WORKING WITH BRIAN ATTEBERRY, EMS TO PURCHASE A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THROUGH ARPA. KANSAS FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION WAS AWARDED A GRANT, THEY WILL DIVIDE BETWEEN RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT APPLY AND QUALIFY. SHE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH PRIVATE SECTORS TO OWN/MANAGE THE EV CHARGERS. NOW KDOT WILL NOT WORK WITH PRIVATE SECTORS BECAUSE, GRANTS AREN'T USUALLY GIVEN TO PRIVATE COMPANIES. THE LETTER THE COMMISSIONERS SIGNED IN SUPPORT FOR WATER RIGHTS ALONG WITH 38 OTHER ENTITIES WENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATION.

BILLY HAMPTON, FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF, REPORTED ON CALLS MADE BY FIRE/RESCUE. HE STATED HE WILL PROBABLY GO OVER BUDGET FOR 2023. HE GAVE A REPORT ON REPAIRS THAT NEED TO BE DONE ON DIFFERENT UNITS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:19 PM TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL CONCERNING PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:30 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DARCIE VANDERVYVER, HEALTH, DISCUSSED THE TRAILER THAT WAS TOTALLED BY INSURANCE, THERE IS THE OPTION TO BUY IT BACK. SHE PREFERS TO BUY IT BACK AND KEEP THE TRAILER. SHE REPORTED SHE IS LOOKING FOR A VEHICLE TO TOW THE TRAILER. SHE WILL GET BETWEEN \$4000-\$4800 TRADE-IN FOR THE VAN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO GIVE DARCIE AUTHORITY TO SPEND \$25,000 ON A VEHICLE INCLUDING THE VAN TRADE IN. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. SHE DISCUSSED THE UPDATED COVID-19 VACCINES. ALSO, DISCUSSED THE RSV VACCINES.

JON ROACH, NOXIOUS WEED DIRECTOR, PRESENTED A QUOTE FROM SUNFLOWER TRAILER INC. FOR THE NEWLY PURCHASED TRUCK. THE TOTAL FOR FLAT BED, MUD FLAPS, TRAILER LIGHT PLUG, REVERSE CAMERA, GRILL GUARD, NERF BARS AND INSTALLATION FOR \$4520.00. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR FLAT BED TRUCK AT \$4520.00 FROM SUNFLOWER TRAILER

SALES INC. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. THEY HAVE THE NEW TRUCK AT THE SHOP. HE WILL TRY TO SELL THE BED OFF OF THE NEW TRUCK.

BRIAN ATTEBERRY, EMS DIRECTOR, REPORTED OSAGE INDUSTRIES HAD CONTACTED HIM CONCERNING A FORD TRANSIT VAN THAT COULD BE BUILT TO OUR SPECS FOR AROUND \$135,000, AND READY THE END OF 2024. IT WOULD MAINLY BE USED FOR OUT OF TOWN TRANSPORTS. THE COMMISSIONERS GAVE THEIR APPROVAL TO CHECK WITH HEATHER MORGAN ABOUT ARPA BEING USED FOR PAYMENT. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:53 PM TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL CONCERNING OUT OF COUNTY SUPPORT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:03 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE AUTHORIZATION FORMS FOR THE CITY OF PRATT FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR GABRIEL NALL AND ANDREW VANSLYKE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RAISE ROAD EMPLOYEES, BRANDON SLYTER, .50, MARK BARBER, CLIFF HANSON, BEN HENNING, JOSHUA THEIS, KEVEN THOMAS, WILLIAM WASHINGTON AND JAMES WOODS, .60, KEVYN SHANK, .71, KYLE BAILEY, DEAN ROACH AND RICKY WITTIG 1.02. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RAISE ROAD EMPLOYEES ETHAN AILSTOCK AND CARL SWISHER 1.54, ZACHARY WRIGHT, 2.00 AND RYAN TORLINE, 2.50. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER STATED THAT WHEN PEOPLE EMAIL THE THREE COMMISSIONERS ON ONE E-MAIL, THEY CANNOT COMMENT WITHOUT VIOLATING THE OPEN MEETING ACT. THEY CAN MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE COUNTY CLERK TO VISIT WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS IN AN OPEN MEETING OR EMAIL EACH COMMISSIONER SEPARATELY.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS STATED HE WOULD LIKE AN AGENDA FOR THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY OF PRATT SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 25, 2023. CLERK VOSS WILL CONTACT THEM AGAIN FOR THE AGENDA.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOUCHERS FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MARK GRABER STATED HE HAD ALL THE ZOOM EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. HE ALSO STATED THE AT&T PHONE LINES WOULD BE PORTED SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 TO SC TELCOM.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:22 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