

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 LAST WEEK THE GOVERNOR SENT A LETTER TO THE US WILDLIFE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF INTERIOR CONCERNING THE GROUND WATER ISSUES AROUND THE QUIVERA REFUGE. THE PRESS RELEASE CAME OUT LAST WEEK. SHE IS ASKING TO REDUCE THE HARM TO FARMERS AND PRODUCERS IN THAT AREA. KENT MOORE ASKED FOR A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. SHE REPORTED THERE ARE NO NEW GRANT APPLICATIONS THROUGH PAEDC. SHE STATED THERE ARE KDOT PROJECTS CONSULT OPPORTUNITIES IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL. SHE STATED THE CITY OF LIBERAL IS REALLY PUSHING FOR THE FOUR LANE IN THEIR AREA. SHE IS STILL ASSISTING THE CITY OF IUKA WITH ARPA REPORTING. PRATT COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT IS STAYING STEADY.

JAMES WHITE, SHERIFF, PRESENTED A LIST OF VEHICLES IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE ASKED COMMISSIONER SHRIVER IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH A TRAINING EXERCISE HELD RECENTLY AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES AT 2:06 PM FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL CONCERNING TRAINING. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:16 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CASEY GARTEN, PRATT CHILDCARE FOUNDATION, CHAIR AND STACY HANSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GAVE A PRESENTATION ON THE CHILDCARE NEEDS IN PRATT COUNTY. PRMC HAS ACQUIRED THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON THEIR BEHALF. IT WILL PROVIDE CHILDCARE FOR UP TO 139 CHILDREN. THEY ARE NEEDING TO RAISE AN ESTIMATED \$2,100,000. THE PRATT CHILDCARE FOUNDATION WILL TAKE OVER POSSESSION ONCE THE FINANCES ARE ESTABLISHED. THEY ARE ALSO WORKING ON STAFFING/TRAINING WHILE THEY ARE RAISING FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE RNR/BUDGET MEETING AND THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN JONES SIGNED THE APPROVED PRATT EXTENSION OFFICE BUDGET SHEET AND THE APPROVED SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGET.

CHAIRMAN JONES SIGNED THE FSA ANNUAL LEASE AGREEMENT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT FOR THE LAND LEASED BY VERLAN ELLIOTT.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:33 PM FOR TWENTY MINUTES FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER, CONCERNING MULTIPLE LEGAL ISSUES. CHAIRMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:52 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE QUICK CLAIM DEED TO SEPARATE THE LAND BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE NOTICE OF SALE OF THE LAND ON N HWY 61. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS THE MEETING at 3:15 PM UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 AT 11:00 AM FOR THE JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. MEETING RECESSED.

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN RECESSED SESSION MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 AT 11:00 AM, AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FOR THE JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING. 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. ALSO, PRESENT WERE JAMES WHITE, CAMERON QUICK, AND JASON WINKEL.

THE CITY OF PRATT COMMISSIONERS CALLED THEIR MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:00 AM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: GARY SCHMIDT, DOUG MEYER, ZACH DEEDS, JEANETTE SIEMENS, KYLE FARMER, BRUCE PINKALL, BRIANNA GARTEN AND REGINA GOFF. ALSO, PRESENT WERE RUSS RAMBAT, JEFF SHANLINE, NATE HUMBLE, KRISTA GARRETT, CASEY GARTEN, STACY HANSON, RUTH ANN BARKER AND MARK MORGAN.

NATE HUMBLE, GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE 911 COMMITTEE. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 8, 2023. THEY WILL DISCUSS THE TOWER AND MAINTENANCE.

RUSS RAMBAT AND JEFF SHANLINE, DISCUSSED DISCOUNTING THE PRICE THE CITY OF PRATT PAYS TO DISPOSE OF WASTEWATER SLUDGE AT THE LANDFILL. JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL, DISCUSSED THE FEE AND STATED HE WAS LOSING MONEY AT THE CURRENT RATE CHARGED. HE STATED HE CANNOT LOWER THE FEE IN FACT NEEDS TO RAISE THE FEE TO BREAK EVEN.

NATE HUMBLE, POLICE CHIEF, DISCUSSED THE LACK OF SPACE FOR THE CITY POLICE IN THE CURRENT LEC. IT WAS STATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO USE PART OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON NORTH MAIN. THERE WOULD BE MORE ROOM AND WOULD WORK AFTER REMODELING. IT WILL HAVE TO BE REVISITED NEXT YEAR DURING BUDGET TIME. HE IS NOT PROPOSING MOVING DISPATCH. KRISTA

GARRETT, DISPATCH, STATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A RESTROOM AND SMALL KITCHEN IN THE DISPATCH AREA.

ZACH DEEDS, ASKED ABOUT INTENTIONS ON FUNDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. PRATT COUNTY BUDGETS \$30,000, THE CITY BUDGETS \$30,000 FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. THE CITY KEEPS \$15,000 TO USE AT THEIR DISCRETION. A NEW PROJECT THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS THE CHILDCARE FACILITY, PROPOSED BY CASEY GARTEN AND STACY HANSON. IT WAS DISCUSSED HOW MUCH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO PLEDGE TO THE CHILDCARE FACILITY, MARK MORGAN STATED \$150,000-\$200,00 MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. THEY WOULD STILL NEED TO RAISE APPROXIMATELY \$300,000 TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT. PRATT CHILDCARE FOUNDATION IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER STATED HE RECEIVED AN EMAIL ABOUT GRANTS FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS. RUSS RAMBAT STATED THEY ARE AWARE AND HAVE BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR GRANTS FOR A NEW WELL NORTH OF THE SOLAR FARM.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 12:00 PM. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

THE CITY OF PRATT COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 12:00 PM.

THOMAS W JONES III CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT ADAMS MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

RICK N SHRIVER MEMBER