

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 AT 2:00 PM IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 THE CITY OF IUKA WILL HAVE TO ADOPT A NEW LETTER TO GET THE ARPA REPORTING DONE. SHE WAS APPROACHED BY THE CITY OF LIBERAL PERTAINING TO EXTENDING THE FOUR LANE. THEY ARE ASKING IF PRATT COUNTY WANTS TO BE PART OF THIS GROUP TO LOBBY FOR THE CONTINUATION. THE COMMISSIONERS WERE IN AGREEMENT TO JOIN. SHE STATED THE KDOT LOCAL CONSULTS ARE COMING UP AND IS ENCOURAGING THE COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY. SHE WAS APPROACHED BY A BUSINESS THAT WANTS TO LOCATE IN PRATT COUNTY, SHE IS WORKING WITH THEM. THEY COULD EMPLOYEE SIX TO EIGHT INITIALLY WITH POSSIBLE EXPANSION.

BJ HAYES, ZONING, REPORTED THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD TWO WEEKS AGO ON THE SOLAR ENERGY REGULATIONS. HE PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION FOR SIGNATURES. HE GAVE A SHORT REPORT OF THE CONTENT OF THE HEARING. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 9-25-23 AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATIONS CONCERNING COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENGERY PROJECTS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DARCIE VANDERVYVER, HEALTH DIRECTOR, REPORTED SHE HAD PURCHASED A 2018 CHEVY TRUCK. SHE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE FALL VACCINES. SHE STATED THE HEALTH COALITION MEETING IS OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>.

DJ MCMURRY, APPRAISER, REPORTED HE WOULD LIKE TO HIRE RYAN FRAZIER ON A CONTRACT BASIS TO WORK FOR A MONTH IN THE FALL AND A FEW MONTHS IN THE SPRING. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE IN AGREEMENT. HE WILL CONTACT TYSON AND GET A CONTRACT WRITTEN UP.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:18 PM FOR TEN MINUTES FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING LAWSUITS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:28 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:33 PM. COMMISSIONER ADAMS  
SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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THOMAS W JONES III      CHAIRMAN

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DWIGHT ADAMS      MEMBER

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LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

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RICK N SHRIVER      MEMBER

RUTH ANN BARKER, MARK MORGAN, EC DEV, JAMES WHITE, CAMERON QUICK, SHERIFF, JASON WINKEL, LANDFILL/RECYCLING NATE HUMBLE, CITY POLICE, DISPATCHER

SEPTEMBER 25, 11:00 AM CITY/COUNTY JOINT MEETING THOMAS JONES, RICK SHRIVER, DWIGHT ADAMS, TYSON EISENHAUER, LORI VOSS, MARK GRABER CITY, GARY SCHMIDT ?? MEYER JEANETTE SEIMENS, ZACH DEEDS, KYLE FARMER CASEY GARTEN, STACEY HANSON, REGINA GOEFF, BRIANA GARTEN CITY CLERK, RUSS RAMBAT BRUCE PINKALL

THOMAS JONES, CHAIRMAN CALLED THE RECESSED MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:00AM, RICH SHRIVER SECONDED MEETING IN SESSION.

THE CITY OF PRATT CALLED THEIR RECESS MEETING TO ORDER.

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

WASTEWATER SLUDGE, JEFF SHANLINE AND RUSS RAMBAT, JASON WINKEL, DISCUSSED THE WASTEWATER SLUDGE FEE. REVISIT THE COST OF DISPOSAL AT THE LANDFILL. JASON STATED HE WAS LOSING MONEY AT THE CURRENT RATE CHARGED. HE STATED HE CANNOT DROP THE FEE IN FACT NEEDS TO RAISE THE FEE TO BREAK EVEN.

DISPATCH AND LEC SPACE, NATE HUMBLE, POLICE CHIEF, LARRY EISENHAUER, COMMUNITY CENTER ON NORTH MAIN, OPENING SPACE THERE, COULD MOVE THE CITY POLICE THERE, MORE ROOM, THEY ARE OUT OF ROOM AT THE LEC AND NOWHERE TO EXPAND. NOT MOVING DISPATCH. KRISTA GARRETT, DISPATCH, NO ACCESS TO BATHROOM OR COOKING FOOD.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ZACH DEEDS, INTENTIONS ON FUNDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRATT COUNTY 30,000 CITY 15,000 FOR THE EC DEV CORPORATION, THEY KEEP 15,000 TO USE AT THEIR DISCRETION. ANY NEW PROJECTS THROUGH EC DEV, CHILDCARE FACILITY, CASEY GARTEN AND STACEY HANSON. IT WAS DISCUSSED HOW MUCH EC DEV 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 APPROX 300,000. PRATT CHILDCARE FOUNDATION NON-PROFIT

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.