

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023 AT 2:00 PM IN THE COMMISSIONER ROOM, 1ST FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: RICK SHRIVER AND DWIGHT ADAMS. ALSO, PRESENT, LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK AND MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR. TYSON EISENHAUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, AND THOMAS W JONES III WERE ABSENT.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER, 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 ME, 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 PRATT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL MEET WEDNESDAY. THEY WILL BE TOURING THE POTENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITY. THEY WILL REVIEW FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM THE CHAPEAU AND CANCUN MEXICAN GRILL. SHE MET WITH THE STATE RELATED TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO MATCH FEDERAL FUNDS. THESE FUNDS MIGHT BE USED FOR WATER ISSUES. THERE ARE OTHER UNOPENED GRANTS SHE IS KEEPING HER EYE ON. SHE GAVE A QUIVERA IMPAIRMENT WATER UPDATE. SHE IS REACHING OUT TO THE CITY OF IUKA THIS AFTERNOON CONCERNING ARPA REPORTING.

DAVE DICE, SWKAAA, REPORTED ON THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE TO PRATT COUNTY. HE GAVE A REPORT ON ACTUAL SERVICES USED BY PRATT COUNTY RESIDENTS. HE ALSO STATED THEY ARE NEEDING VOLUNTEERS TO REPRESENT OUR COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 AND SEPTEMBER 25, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JIMMY WHITE, SHERIFF, DISCUSSED THE INA CONTRACT FOR CAMERAS AND SECURITY AT THE JAIL. HE DISCUSSED THE PAY RAISE STEPS AS PRESENTED. THEY ARE GOING TO CUT SERVICES TO ALLOW FOR THE RAISES. COMMISSIONER ADAMS STATED THAT CUTS HAVE TO BE MADE TO PAY THE EMPLOYEES RAISES. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER ASKED IF THESE RAISES WERE IT, SHERIFF WHITE STATED FOR NOW, BUT HE WILL BE BACK NEXT YEAR ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL RAISES. IT WAS STATED THE SHERIFF SALARY INCREASE IS DONE BY RESOLUTION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

THERE WAS A COMMENT ON CHAT STATING THEY HAD NEVER BEEN ASKED TO MOW AFTER HOURS, AFTER COMMISSIONER ADAMS STATED DOUG HAD ASKED EMPLOYEES TO MOW AFTER REGULAR HOURS FOR OVERTIME AND HE DIDN'T HAVE VERY MANY SIGN UP.

THERE WAS A LETTER FROM A CITIZEN CONCERNING TRUCKS NOT BEING TARPED ON HIGHWAY 54 AND BROKE HER WINDSHIELD. SHE STATED THERE SHOULD BE A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL LOADS BE COVERED. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER STATED THERE IS A LAW REQUIRING IT.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR OCTOBER 2, 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:59 PM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER
SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DWIGHT ADAMS MEMBER

LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK

RICK N SHRIVER MEMBER