

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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, COUNTY 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, GETTING ARPA FILING FINISHED FOR THE CITY OF IUKA. SHE IS ASSISTING A BUSINESS WITH JOB EXPANSION. GOVERNOR KELLY AND SENATOR MORAN PUT OUT A BIPARTISAN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WILDLIFE FISH & GAME QUIVERA WATER IMPAIRMENT FOUND A TEMPORARY SOLUTION THAT WORKS FOR BOTH PARTIES. WILDLIFE FISH & GAME SUPPORT SOMEONE FROM STATE OF KANSAS TO A RATIONAL SOLUTION PROPOSED TO THE FEDERAL US FISH & WILDLIFE FOR JANUARY 2025. KANSAS FARM BUREAU AND KANSAS CORN ASSOCIATION ARE PLEASED WITH US WILDLIFE & FISH AS BEING A PARTNER IN FINDING A SOLUTION. MORE GRADUAL SOLUTIONS TO ALLOW AG FARMERS TO CHANGE WHAT CROPS THEY ARE PRODUCING. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER STATED THEY HAD ALREADY TRIED THIS AND NOTHING REALLY WAS SETTLED.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 9, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR OCTOBER 16, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD/LAKE SUPERVISOR, REPORTED HE HAD ATTENDED TWO CLASSES TO BE CERTIFIED FOR KDOT APPROVAL TO STRIPE COUNTY ROADS. HE REPORTED A MOWER WAS TAKEN IN FOR REPAIR. HE STATED THE WATER WILL BE SHUT OFF OCTOBER 23, 2023 AT THE LAKE. HE STATED HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY MONEY FROM FEMA. HE IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF PURCHASING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE LAKE.

DJ MCMURRY, APPRAISER, PRESENTED A CONTRACT FOR RYAN FRAZIER TO WORK FOR THE APPRAISER OFFICE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH RYAN FRAZIER TO PERFORM APPRAISAL DUTIES. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTIION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISISONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TWENTY MINUTES AT 2:20 PM FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING LEGAL MATTERS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:37 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE HOURLY RAISES FOR THE FOLLOWING SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES; BRIAN MILLER, .50, DELL BERTRAM, .55, CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, .99, TANNER WESTERMAN, .99, EMILY LANNON, .99, DAWSON COX, \$1.09, JOSH MACK, \$1.20, ROBERT DELEON, \$1.22, CODY KIBEL, \$1.56, LEVI HAYNES, \$1.74, JOSH NELSON, \$1.74, DEVON WILLARD, \$1.80, AMY JONES, \$2.00, BUFORD JOHNSON, \$2.00, TYLER FINCH, \$3.00, KOREY HAGEN, \$3.19, JUSTIN SEAMAN, \$3.69, CAMERON QUICK, \$4.40, DAN AILSTOCK, \$5.90 AND MAX BARRETT, \$200.30 BI-WEEKLY. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:47 PM FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING 911 COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:00 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BRIAN ATTEBERRY, EMS DIRECTOR, REPORTED THEY ARE HOSTING KEMSA CONFERENCE, FOR CONTINUING ED CLASSES FOR 70-80 PEOPLE, NOVEMBER 17, 18 & 19 AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. HE CHECKED INTO ADDING A TRANSPORT VAN, IT IS NOT COST EFFECTIVE AFTER PURCHASING THE LIFT COT. IT WILL BE BETTER TO TRADE A TRUCK AND REPLACE WITH A TRANSPORT VAN BUT USE ALL THE EQUIPMENT IN THE OLDER TRUCK IN THE NEW TRUCK. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER QUESTIONED IF THE SHOWERS HAD BEEN REPAIRED. BRIAN STATED THE BENCHES WERE INSTALLED BUT NOT WELL. HE STATED SOMEONE FROM HARMAN HUFFMAN HAD COME IN AND CHECKED THE WALLS AND WILL REPORT BACK ON REPAIRING.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:08 PM FOR TEN MINUTES FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING BONDS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:18 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FROM OCTOBER 16, 2023. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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