

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 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 EISENHAEUER, COUNTY COUNSELOR, LORI VOSS, COUNTY CLERK AND MARK GRABER, IT DIRECTOR.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TYSON EISENHAEUER, 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 ABOUT THE KDOT LOCAL CONSULT MEETING PROCESS FOR RECEIVING INPUT FOR THE NEXT YEARS PROJECTS. KDOT HAS TO SPEND \$10 MILLION IN EACH DISTRICT. WE ARE IN REGION 5. THERE ARE 6700 VEHICLES PER DAY ON HIGHWAY 54 BETWEEN PRATT AND MULLINVILLE. THERE WAS REPRESENTATION FROM PRATT COUNTY. THE HIGHWAY 54 BY PASS SCORED HIGH. KINGMAN COUNTY WAS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE TO EXTEND THE FOUR LANE. IT IS GETTING CLOSER TO EXTEND THE FOUR-LANE.

AMY JONES, TREASURER, REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:09 PM TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHIRVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:11 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTING HOLLY HOWELL AS DEPUTY TREASURER WITH A RAISE OF \$3.56. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

JON ROACH, NOXIOUS WEED, REPORTED THEY ARE FINISHED SPRAYING. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO PUT A TRUCK ON PURPLE WAVE. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT DOUG, ROAD SUPERVISOR ABOUT PUTTING IT ON PURPLE WAVE. HE BROUGHT UP NEEDING ANOTHER FULL TIME EMPLOYEE. IT WAS DISCUSSED WHETHER HE HAD IT IN HIS BUDGET, IT ALSO AFFECTS THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT BUDGET. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL DISCUSS IT AND GET BACK WITH HIM. HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE A RAISE BUT IF HE DOES, HE WOULD BE MAKING CLOSE TO WHAT HE MAKES. HE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A RAISE UP TO \$22-\$23 AN HOUR.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JOSH SMALL, DEPUTY AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT \$23.00 PER HOUR. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GARY BARKER/CLIFFORD LANGFORD III FOR PROPERTY BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DOUG FREUND, ROAD/LAKE SUPERVISOR, PRESENTED FUNDING FOR STRIPING EAST OF HWY 281, KDOT WOULD LIKE CROSSBUCK/LIGHTS INSTALLED AT INTERSECTION NE 100TH AVENUE IF NOT THEY WOULD PULL THE STRIPING IN THAT AREA. THE CROSSBUCK/LIGHTS ARE DECIDED BY THE RAILROAD NOT THE COUNTY. HE WAS TOLD TO CONTACT KIRKHAM MICHAEL ABOUT THE LOGISTICS OF THIS ISSUE WITH KDOT. GAVE AN UPDATE ON SUMMER PROJECTS FOR ROAD AND LAKE.

BJ HAYES, EMERGENCY MANAGER/ZONING DIRECTOR, HE IS GETTING TWO BIDS TO REPLACE THE GENERATOR AT THE RSVP, FROM FOLEY AND CK POWER. HE REPORTED HE HAS ALL OF HIS CERTIFICATIONS FINISHED. HE HAS STARTED THE PROCESS OF BEING STATE CERTIFIED.

TYSON STATED THE TRI-COUNTY PUBLISHED THE OLD NOTICE TO SELL NOT THE NEW NOTICE. IT WAS DISCUSSED WHAT DATE TO OPEN THE BIDS. THEY DISCUSSED CLOSING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26. THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING THE LAST WEEK OF THE YEAR. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES AT 3:00 PM FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING LEGAL MATTERS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:10 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

BILLY HAMPTON, FIRE/RESCUE STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO PUT GAVIN LONG ON FIRE/RESCUE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE GAVIN LONG TO FIRE/RESCUE. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. HE REPORTED HE APPLIED FOR A GRANT FOR RESCUE GEAR. RESCUE 303 HAS SNOW BLADE, TRIED THE SAND BUCKET, EVERYTHING WORKED. HE HAD A GRAIN ENTRAPMENT TRAINING PUT ON BY OSU THAT WAS ATTENDED BY SIX EMPLOYEES. HE REPORTED ON A TANKER NEEDING REPAIRS. HE WOULD LIKE A PLAN TO REPLACE RESCUE 2 IN THE FUTURE. HE REPORTED THEY NEED TO PURCHASE PUMPS FOR THE HEATED FLOORS. THEY RECOMMEND HAVING ONE ON HAND WHEN ONE GOES DOWN. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE A SPARE PUMP FOR THE HEATED FLOORS. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. HE REPORTED THERE IS NO GLYCOL IN THE SYSTEM AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. HE WILL CHECK AND FIND OUT IF THERE IS GYLCOL IN THE SYSTEM AND HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST TO ADD.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO GIVE EMPLOYEES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 OFF. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS ASKED IF WE HAVE A VOTING MEMBER FOR THE KAC. COMMISSIONER ADAMS ASKED ABOUT THE GENERATOR THAT WAS AT THE OLD PRRC. IT WAS STATED IT WAS SOLD.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 3:32 PM FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING POTENTIAL LAWSUIT. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:43 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR OCTOBER 30, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:44 PM FOR TEN MINUTES FOR AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. COMMISSIONER

ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:50 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:57 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