

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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, 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, GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE PRATT AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. JACKIE MUNDT WILL BE THE NEW REPRESENTATIVE REPLACING MARK MORGAN. THEY REVIEWED THE INCENTIVE APPLICATION FOR A COMPANY LOOKING TO LOCATE TO PRATT, TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH. HIGHWAY 54 FOUR-LANE EXTENSION WAS DISCUSSED. SHE PRESENTED A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO BE INCLUDED WITH OTHERS TO KDOT SECRETARY TO EXTEND THE FOUR-LANE. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO SIGN THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE HIGHWAY 54 FOUR-LANE EXTENSION. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. SHE STATED THE CITY OF PRATT ALSO PUT A MESSAGE OUT FOR SUPPORT FROM BUSINESSES. SHE HAS TALKED TO BRIAN AT EMS AND HE IS MOVING FORWARD GETTING QUOTES FOR THE TRANSPORT VAN.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 6, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ARROWHEAD WEST CONCERNING THEIR GRANT APPLICATIONS.

TYSON STATED THE TAX DELIQUENT TAX SALE WILL BE DECEMBER 20, AT 10:00AM.

JAN PARSONS, LORI MONTGOMERY, STEVE STRATFORD, CALVIN BOY AND BRANDON ROCHENBACH WITH THE FAIR ASSOCIATION PRESENTED INFORMATION ON A NEW LIVESTOCK PAVILION AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. JAN STATED THAT THE BLODGETT TRUST HAD LEFT A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT TO THE FAIR ASSOCIATION. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO HELP WITH THE REMAINING \$325,000 NEEDED. CHAIRMAN JONES ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PRATT FAIR BOARD BESIDES THE TRUST. CHAIRMAN JONES SAID THEY WOULD CHECK AND SEE IF ARPA FUNDS COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SUPPORT.

TAMMY SMITH, CEO AND ALAN WAITES CFO, PRMC ALAN PRESENTED PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS. ALAN ALSO PRESENTED A SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING DEBT OBLIGATIONS. TAMMY REPORTED THEY ARE RECRUITING FOR FULL TIME INTERNAL MEDICINE PROVIDERS. SHE STATED THEY WILL HAVE USE FOR THE OLD PRRC AFTER THE SCHOOL IS FINISHED. PRMC WOULD LIKE TO LEASE THE

BUILDING. SHE HAS CHECKED INTO DIAYLSIS AND NO ONE IS INTERESTED IN COMING HERE. THE CLOSEST IS GREAT BEND. MASTER FACILITY PLAN IS BEING DONE. PRMC RECEIVED A GRANT ALONG WITH THE CITY OF PRATT POLICE AND PRATT COUNTY SHERIFF, FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS. THE PERSON WOULD GO TO A MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER VERSUS JAIL.

DJ MCMURRY, APPRAISER, PRESENTED A MID YEAR RATIO FOR PROPERTY VALUES. PRATT COUNTY LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE IS 95%. HE STATED PROPERTY VALUATION SHOULD BE GOING UP AS MUCH AS 10% NEXT YEAR.

JON ROACH, NOXIOUS WEED, REPORTED HE HAD PURCHASED CHEMICAL FOR NEXT YEAR. THE TRUCK BEING BUILT IS STILL A FEW MONTHS OUT. HE BROUGHT UP HIRING ANOTHER PERSON AGAIN. IT WAS DISCUSSED IF EMOLYEE BENEFITS AND NOXIOUS WEED HAD ENOUGH BUDGET FOR AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE IN A DEPARTMENT THAT HAS NOT HAD THREE FULL TIME EMPLOYEES BEFORE. HE PRESENTED A RAISE SLIP FOR CASEY ZIEHR. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A RAISE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00 TO \$19.28 FOR CASEY ZIEHR. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

TARA PAGENKOPF, RSVP, PRESENTED CHECKS FOR SIGNATURES. SHE PRESENTED A GRANT APPLICATION FOR CHAIRMAN JONES SIGNATURE.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TWENTY MINUTES AT 3:10 PM TO DISCUSS LEGAL MATTERS CONCERNING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:29 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CHAIRMAN JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DAKOTA HOLTGRIEVE FOR THE PRATT AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO REPLACE BRIAN MOORE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CLERK VOSS PRESENTED A NEW HIRE-TRANSFER FOR CESCHA HOFFMAN FOR THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT \$18.50 & ELECTION CLERK \$100 BIWEEKLY. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYSリップ FOR CESCHA HOFFMAN AT \$18.50 PER HOUR AND \$100 BIWEEKLY. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$250 CHAMBER BUCKS FOR PRATT COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR CHRISTMAS. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:49 PM. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER  
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