

THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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, REPORTED REPRESENTATIVE KYLE HOFFMAN WILL BE AT PCC DECEMBER 11 AT 10:30 AT PCC AND WOULD LIKE THE COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND THE MEETING. SHE IS WORKING WITH THE FAIR BOARD ON FUNDING THE PROPOSED PAVILION. SHE IS WORKING ON A PDAC APPLICATION, THAT WOULD PUT A BUSINESS BACK IN BUSINESS. THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORT VAN WAS PUT OUT TO BID LAST WEEK. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REPORTED STATE WIDE UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ARE 2.5% FOR PRATT COUNTY. THE GOVERNOR ATTENDED THE STATE WATER CONFERENCE DISCUSSING WATER ISSUES. THERE IS DEDICATED MONEY FOR THE QUIVERA IMPAIRMENT. THERE IS \$35 MILLION DEDICATED TO BUYING OUT WATER RIGHTS AND IMPROVING WATER TECHNOLOGY. AUDUBON HAS ASKED FOR THEIR LAWSUIT TO BE STAYED UNTIL THE STATE HAS REACHED SOME COMPROMISES. THE HIGHWAY 54 SUPPORT LETTER WAS SENT IN. SHE STATED THERE SHOULD BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:07 PM TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL TO DISCUSS EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:18 WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RAISES FOR KINZIE MILBURN AT .50 AND SHERRY VIERTHALER AT .50 WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DOUG FREUND, REPORTED HE WOULD LIKE TO PUT TWO OLDER TRUCKS ON PURPLE WAVE. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SELLING OF TWO TRUCKS ON PURPLE WAVE. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RAMONA TRUHLAR, RSVP DRIVER, STATED THERE IS SOME ISSUES WITH A DRIVER. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:22 PM TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL CONCERNING A BUS DRIVER. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN AT 2:35 PM WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023, CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION CANVASS HELD, NOVEMBER 20, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CLERK VOSS PRESENTED QUESTIONNAIRES FROM EMC INSURANCE FOR THE COURTHOUSE AND THE OLD PRRC BUILDING. IT WAS SUGGESTED THEY GET IN CONTACT WITH THE HOSPITAL BOARD FOR THE OLD PRRC BUILDING. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO CONTACT INTEGREN FOR ASSISTANCE ON THE COURTHOUSE QUESTIONNAIRE. CLERK VOSS WILL CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE.

COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES AT 2:42 PM FOR ATTORNEY CLIENT MATTER CONCERNING COUNTY POLICIES. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER MADE A MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN. COMMISSIONER ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT VOUCHERS FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2023. COMMISSIONER SHRIVER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:56 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