

**CROWLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

OCTOBER 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Roy Elliott at 8:30 a.m. Blaine Arbuthnot joined the meeting by telephone. The following were present:

Blaine Arbuthnot-----Chairman
Terry McMillian-----Member
LaShelle Benbow-----Deputy Clerk to the Board

Audience: Penny Globoker, John Globoker, Vickie Buhr, Shawn Buhr and Desta Buhr.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8194

APPROVE CORRECTED MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 31, 2021 BOCC MEETING, ORIGINALLY APPROVED UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8168

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Arbuthnot to approve corrected minutes from the August 31, 2021 BOCC meeting, originally approved under resolution no. 2021-8168.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Arbuthnot-----Aye
Elliott-----Aye
McMillian-----Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8195

APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2021 MINUTES

Motion by Arbuthnot, seconded by McMillian to approve the September 2021 board minutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Arbuthnot-----Aye
Elliott-----Aye
McMillian-----Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8196

APPROVE DHS ACCRUAL DISBURSEMENTS, OCTOBER 7, 2021

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Arbuthnot to approve the DHS accrual disbursements for October 7, 2021, and authorize transfer of funds in the following amount:

DHS Fund	\$ 10,313.31
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Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Arbuthnot-----Aye
Elliott-----Aye
McMillian-----Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8197

APPROVE DHS DISBURSEMENTS, OCTOBER 7, 2021

Motion by Arbuthnot, seconded by McMillian to approve the DHS disbursements for October 7, 2021, and authorize transfer of funds in the following amount:

DHS Fund	\$ 4,544.27
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Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Arbuthnot-----Aye
Elliott-----Aye
McMillian-----Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8198

APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS, OCTOBER 8, 2021

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Arbuthnot to approve the disbursements for October 8, 2021, and authorize transfer of funds in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$118,760.54
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 11,103.26
EMS Fire Fund	\$ 649.72
Ambulance Fund	\$ 2,562.76
Water Fund	\$ 22,847.17
E911 Fund	\$ 1,745.70
Secretac Fund	\$ 500.00
 Total Disbursements	 \$158,169.15

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Arbuthnot-----Aye
Elliott-----Aye
McMillian-----Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8199

APPROVE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2022 AND NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLICATION

Motion by Arbuthnot, seconded by McMillian to approve the proposed budget for 2022, and the Notice of Budget Publication as follows:

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been prepared by the Crowley County Commissioners for the ensuing year of 2022; a copy of such proposed budget for Crowley County and the Office of the Public Trustee have been filed in the office of the County Commissioners, where the same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the Crowley County Commissioners to be held at the Courthouse Annex, Commissioners Meeting Room on November 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Any interested elector of Crowley County may inspect the proposed budgets and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budgets on December 10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Crowley County Board of County Commissioners
Blaine Arbuthnot, Chairman
Roy Elliott
Terry McMillian

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Arbuthnot-----Aye
Elliott-----Aye
McMillian-----Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8200

APPROVE RESOLUTION CONCERNING COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATES

Crowley County is proposing a resolution that states the decision to be vaccinated for COVID-19 is an individual and personal decision and should not be a decision made by force or manipulation by another person or entity, or as a condition of employment or activity of any kind. Arbuthnot stated that the County has not received a legal opinion, but he feels that we cannot postpone a decision on the resolution. Public discussion occurred.

Vickie Buhr feels that the proposed resolution addresses everything that it needs to, and she supports it.

Penny Globokler believes that wearing masks or receiving the vaccine are a personal choice. She believes big government is overreaching their boundaries, by forcing such mandates. Such actions are impeding our freedoms. She supports the resolution.

Desta Buhr appreciates the commissioners allowing the public to speak out regarding these mandates, and their concern for the welfare of the citizens of Crowley County. Sacrifices have to be made before our freedoms are lost. Govenor Polis does not care about the citizens of Crowley County. She supports the resolution.

Vickie Buhr also mentioned that she appreciates the commissioners for allowing her to speak out on the issue. She is willing to fight for our freedoms and constitutional rights, which Covid-19 mandates are attempting to take away.

John Globoker is 100% behind the resolution.

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Arubthnot to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATES

WHEREAS, from March 13, 2020, until July 26, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners of Crowley County governed Crowley County through the recommendations of the Otero/Crowley County Health Department Director, relative to the local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, Crowley County Board of County Commissioners also declared a local public health and economic emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2021, Governor Polis ended the Covid-19 Heath Emergency Order and rescinded all executive orders issued due to Covid-19.

WHEREAS, every citizen of Crowley County who wants a vaccine possesses the right to obtain one, but no vaccine should be mandated or required for employment or by law;

WHEREAS, many Crowley County citizens may already have had infection-acquired immunity; and

WHEREAS, herd immunity, which includes both vaccinated and those with infection-acquired immunity, has either been achieved or will shortly be realized in Crowley County; and

WHEREAS, doctors now have a better understanding of the COVID-19 virus, and the effective treatment options for those who will still acquire the virus; and

WHEREAS, individuals should be allowed to decide for themselves, and for their families, if they need a vaccination, and/or a mask for protection against the virus; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for one's health and wellbeing are a personal matter, or the responsibility of their parent/guardian, and not the responsibility of the government; and

WHEREAS, people have the right to refuse vaccinations based on religious, medical, or personal reasons, and every present-day medical intervention requires informed consent and the right of refusal, including the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 mandates will create a two-tiered society, commonly known as a caste system, which is a type of social structure which divides people based on inherited social and economic status, and in this matter of the COVID-19 virus, the masked and unmasked; the vaccinated and unvaccinated; and

WHEREAS, once a COVID-19 mandate system is in place, it could be manipulated to restrict freedoms based on not just vaccination status, but also on the basis of protected activities, such as the exercise of free speech or religious activity; protected categories, such as race, ethnicity, sex, disability, gender, etc.; or any personal decision or preference that a government or business considers acceptable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the decision to be vaccinated for COVID-19 is an individual and personal decision and should not be a decision made by force or manipulation by another person or entity, or as a condition of employment or activity of any kind. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect on the day of its final passage and adoption.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Arbuthnot-----Aye
Elliott-----Aye
McMillian-----Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8201
APPROVE NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION**

Motion by Arbuthnot, seconded by McMillian to approve the following Notice of Supplemental Budget and Appropriation as follows:

NOTICE is hereby given that a proposed supplemental budget has been submitted to the Crowley County Board of County Commissioners for the current fiscal year of 2021; a copy of such proposed supplemental budget has been filed in the office of the Crowley County Board of County Commissioners, where the same is open for public inspection; such

proposed supplemental budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the Crowley County Board of County Commissioners to be held at the Courthouse Annex, Commissioners Meeting Room, on October 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Any interested elector of Crowley County may inspect the proposed supplemental budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the supplemental budget, October 29, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Summary of Supplemental Budget:

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR THE COUNTY OF CROWLEY, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the receipt of funds from the Community Hospital Board, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000, was not assured at the time of the adoption of the 2021 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CROWLEY COUNTY, COLORADO;

Section 1. That the 2021 appropriation for the Ambulance Fund, line number 33.633.55020 Community Hospital Grant is hereby increased from \$0.00 to \$25,000 to cover the purchase of a four-wheel drive utility terrain vehicle and a skid unit to be used for emergency response where an ambulance or rescue truck cannot get to.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Arbuthnot-----Aye
Elliott-----Aye
McMillian-----Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8202

APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NOVITAS COMMUNICATION INC. AND CROWLEY COUNTY

Motion by Arbuthnot, seconded by McMillian to approve the agreement between Novitas Communication Inc. and Crowley County. The agreement states for a budget of \$10,000, Novitas Communications will partner with Reel Politics to create a video highlighting the economies of two rural Colorado towns/counties, including, but not limited to the private correction facilities in the counties.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Arbuthnot-----Aye
Elliott-----Aye
McMillian-----Aye

No further business appearing the meeting was recessed.
Minutes taken by LaShelle Benbow.

ATTEST:

Melinda Carter, County Clerk

Blaine Arbuthnot, Chairman