

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

OCTOBER 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 24, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blaine Arbuthnot at 8:30 a.m. The following were present:

Blaine Arbuthnot-----Chairman
Roy Elliott-----Vice Chairman
Terry McMillian-----Member
LaShelle Benbow-----Deputy Clerk to the Board
Audience-----Amanda Terrones, Shirley Ager, Sue Ann Lowrey, and Pam Baker

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-8440

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CONTROL OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA, APPOINTING ROY ELLIOTT TO RECEIVE CONFIDENTIAL DATA CONCERNING MARIJUANA EXCISE TAXES

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Elliott to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Control of Confidential Data, and appoint Roy Elliott to receive confidential data concerning marijuana excise taxes.

Amanda Terrones and Pam Baker inquired what information is considered confidential. Arbuthnot explained that normally the County Clerk is appointed to receive this information, but Roy Elliott is being appointed to monitor that the marijuana growers are paying the county the correct amount in excise taxes. The individual payors and tax amounts are confidential. The marijuana growers are responsible for paying their state and county taxes.

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

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

OTHER DISCUSSION

Pam Baker asked what the status is on Jim Reeves extraction facility. Arbuthnot said there is currently no activity.

Sue Ann Lowrey inquired as to how the fulfillment center would work. Arbuthnot explained that marijuana product would be delivered outside of Crowley County, and then it would be sold and delivered to clients. Currently, there is no activity with this center.

Arbuthnot said that the Board is working very hard to keep the marijuana industry under control in Crowley County, but it is an ongoing process.

MONTHLY PRISON MEETING

The board conducted the monthly prison meeting with representatives of Crowley County Correctional Facility and Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility. Those in attendance were:

Commissioners: Elliott and McMillian. Arbuthnot was absent.
Deputy Clerk to the Board: LaShelle Benbow
CCCF: Assistant Warden Steve Brown and Paul Pacheco, Assistant Warden of Operations.
AVCF: Bob Burket, Administrative Services Manager

CCCF: Population remains steady at 1,480 beds. The annual audit went very well; they are waiting on the final report. Staffing continues to improve. On October 28, 2022, they will be hosting a Trunk and Treat from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the community. In November they will distribute turkeys to employees and the community.

AVCF: Staffing has improved; they are about 38 employees short of being fully staffed. Population is at 1,139 inmates which is almost at full capacity. The heating/air/water (utility) replacement project and the ADA bathroom renovation projects are both three-year projects. They are currently in the design/engineering phase.

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

ATTEST:

Melinda Carter, County Clerk

Blaine Arbuthnot, Chairman