

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

OCTOBER 23, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 23, 2023. 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-----Commissioner
LaShelle Benbow-----Deputy Clerk to the Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-8715

APPROVE ADDITIONAL SIGNERS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN IN PLACE OF THE FISCAL AGENT ON ALL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

Motion by Elliott, seconded by McMillian to authorize any one of the commissioners to sign in place of the Fiscal Agent, LaShelle Benbow, on all Homeland Security Grant documents.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-8716

APPROVE SPECIAL PAYROLL, OCTOBER 19, 2023

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Elliott to approve the disbursements for a special October 19, 2023 payroll, and authorize transfer of funds in the following amount:

DHS Fund \$1,029.92

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-8717

APPROVE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FOR THE 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$236,887

Motion by Elliott, seconded by McMillian to approve the Letter of Acceptance for the 2023 State Homeland Security Program Grant in the amount of \$236,887, for a term from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2026.

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

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

MONTHLY PRISON MEETING

The board conducted the monthly prison meeting with a representative of Crowley County Correctional Facility. No representatives attended from Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility. Those in attendance were:

Commissioners: Arbuthnot, Elliott, and McMillian

Deputy Clerk to the Board: LaShelle Benbow

CCCF: Assistant Barry Goodrich

CCCF: Current bed count is 1,400. On Wednesday, they are having a call with DOC and they may hear more information regarding an increase in inmates before year end, or not until 2024. Tuesday through Thursday of this week they are having the DOC Security Audit. They expect a good review. There are nine people in the new hire class. If all students pass then the employee vacancies will be under twenty. If everyone does not pass their vacancy count will remain in the low twenties.

No further business appearing the meeting was recessed.

ATTEST:

Melinda Carter, County Clerk

Blaine Arbuthnot, Chairman