JANUARY 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER
Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 22, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blaine Arbuthnot at 9:00 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. 2024-8807
APPROVE TREASURER'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023
Motion by McMillian, seconded by Elliott to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report from July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

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: Warden Barry Goodrich
Guest via Telephone: Joan Andrew Green Turner

CCCF: There are currently 9 correctional officer vacancies; they are in a very good position as they are at 94-95% of full staff levels. They are currently at 1,347 beds, but they are able and ready to increase inmate capacity should the State need the additional beds. Currently, the budget is set to fund 2,700 beds for both Bent and Crowley Counties. They are getting a lot of first-time offenders (first time in prison). The outcome of the vulnerability Assessment as very good. Current goals are reducing front-line turnover by 25%, and meeting profitability marks. They will be having Reunification for Black History Month. All other programs are up and running well. Joan appreciated the opportunity to sit in on the meeting. Legislators are hearing misinformation of what is happening at private prisons.

No further business appearing the meeting was recessed.

ATTEST:

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  Melinda Carter, County Clerk   Blaine Arbuthnot, Chairman