

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

APRIL 22, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on April 22, 2024. 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  
Laura Meadows and Tobe Allumbaugh - Audience

**DISCUSSION - ALTERNATIVE IDEAS FOR VACANT MARIJUANA GREENHOUSES**

Laura Meadows stopped by to discuss alternative uses for the vacant marijuana greenhouses. The National Native Seed Strategy (Bureau of Land Management - BLM) is a program that grows native seeds to be used in restoration. The BLM will pay a person to grow the seeds to have their genetics looked at. Another option would be to involve area schools to participate in an education program that will teach children the importance of growing things and how to grow them. Another idea would be a community garden.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8872**

**APPROVE SPECIAL DISBURSEMENT, APRIL 16, 2024**

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Elliott to approve the special disbursement for April 16, 2024, and authorize transfer of funds in the following amount:

General Fund \$5,000.00

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8873**

**RATIFY ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL FROM KIDD ENGINEERING FOR ORDWAY EAST SUBDIVISION PLANS FOR CURB AND GUTTER**

Motion by Elliott, seconded by McMillian to approve the Engineering Services Proposal from Kidd Engineering for Ordway East Subdivision plans for curb and gutter. The total proposed cost is \$19,137.50.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8874**

**APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN 16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND MULTIPLE COUNTIES**

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Elliott to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between 16th Judicial District Attorney and multiple counties. The term of the MOU is January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Crowley County will be responsible for paying 18.69% of the annual allocation.

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 Warden Steven Brown

CCCF: This week they will be posting to fill three professional positions. There are currently six people in training, and after they graduate they will have twelve officer vacancies. Eight staff members are attending armed transport training. PPMU called and requested to fill 160 beds. CCCF can accommodate this request, and it will likely occur in the summer time. Current bed count is 1,357.

No further business appearing the meeting was recessed.

ATTEST:

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Melinda Carter, County Clerk

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Blaine Arbuthnot, Chairman