

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

JUNE 24, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on June 24, 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  
Audience: Matt Archuleta, Misty Higgins, Peter Kors, and Sonny Watts

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8918**

**MEETING WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Misty Higgins explained how the Chamber of Commerce wants to revitalize main street and pursue other economic improvements in each of the towns within Crowley County. They will serve as the steering committee to research and apply for grant funding to cover the costs of such projects. They are willing to donate \$2,000 towards the cost of hiring a grant writer. They are asking each of the towns and the County to contribute towards the cost as well. Blaine expressed that the Board of County Commissioners is in support of their efforts and will write a letter of support. When required, they will provide a cash contribution.

Motion by Elliott, seconded by McMillian to approve writing a letter in support of the Chamber of Commerce's county wide comprehensive plan, and providing a cash donation when required.

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

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

**DISCUSSION - SONNY WATTS**

Sonny Watts explained that the canal ditch is seeping a lot of water onto his property. His barn is currently flooded and it is moving towards his home. He has spoke to the canal office but there is not much that they can do to resolve the issue. He asked if the road and bridge crew would be able to run a ditch to collect the seeping water. Arbuthnot said he will have his road and bridge crew take a look at the problem.

**APPROVE NEW VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER**

The initial candidate for the position backed out. Peter Kors mentioned that he has researched the position and it can be intensive. He introduced Matt Archuleta who is interested in filling the position. The VSO position will be advertised in the paper, and we will have Roxie Smith reach out to Matt Archuleta to discuss the requirements of the position.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8919**

**APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS #3 TO ORIGINAL CONTRACT NUMBER 21 IHGA 168827 BETWEEN COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC SECURITY, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE SUPPORT, AND CROWLEY COUNTY**

Motion by Elliott, seconded by McMillian to approve the Contract Amendment #3, to original contract number 21 IHGA 168827, between Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Economic Security, Division of Economic and Workforce Support, and Crowley County. Amendments are made to the expiration date, contract maximum amount, statement of work, and addition of Exhibit C-3 - Amendment 15 - 25 IHGA 191309.

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

Audience: Matt Archuleta, Misty Higgins and Peter Kors

CCCF: There are currently 1,367 beds filled at the facility. There are 13 correctional officer vacancies. The HAS and 2nd Assistant Warden positions have been filled. They will be conducting interviews for the HR position this week. Turnover and retention are within their established goals. The corporate audit will begin tomorrow and last the rest of the week. An ACA mock audit will be performed in July, and the ACA audit will occur in August.

No further business appearing the meeting was recessed.

ATTEST:

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Melinda Carter, County Clerk

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Blaine Arbuthnot, Chairman