

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

MARCH 31, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on March 31, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roy Elliott at 8:30 a.m. The following were present:

Roy Elliott, Chairman  
Terry McMillian, Vice Chairman  
Vicki Powell, Commissioner  
LaShelle Benbow, Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Audience: Christopher Olney, Tony Moreland and Doug Hudson

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9214**

**APPROVE DHS DISBURSEMENTS, MARCH 25, 2025**

Motion by Powell, seconded by McMillian to approve the DHS disbursements for March 25, 2025, and authorize transfer of funds in the following amount:

DHS Fund \$34,514.80

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

Elliott - Aye  
McMillian - Aye  
Powell - Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9215**

**APPROVE MARCH 2025 PAYROLL**

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Powell to approve the disbursements for March 2025 payroll, and authorize transfer of funds in the following amounts:

General Fund \$96,386.97  
Road and Bridge Fund \$26,506.20  
EMS Fire Fund \$7,580.37  
Ambulance Fund \$11,999.55  
DHS Fund \$43,712.27

Total Disbursement \$186,185.36

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

Elliott - Aye  
McMillian - Aye  
Powell - Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9216**

**APPROVE PAYROLL BENEFIT DISBURSEMENTS, MARCH 31, 2025**

Motion by Powell, seconded by McMillian to approve the payroll benefit disbursements for March 31, 2025, and authorize transfer of funds in the following amounts:

General Fund \$74,703.29  
Road and Bridge Fund \$20,410.89  
EMS Fire Fund \$4,732.11  
Ambulance Fund \$7,437.38  
DHS Fund \$33,951.46

Total Disbursement \$141,235.13

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:  
Elliott - Aye  
McMillian - Aye  
Powell - Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9217**  
**APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS, MARCH 31, 2025**

Motion by Powell, seconded by McMillian to approve the disbursements for March 31, 2025, and authorize transfer of funds in the following amounts:

General Fund \$41,104.12  
Road & Bridge Fund \$10,063.06  
EMS Fire Fund \$245.94  
Ambulance Fund \$4,290.99  
Water Fund \$172.64  
DHS Fund \$199.97

Total Disbursements \$56,076.72

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:  
Elliott - Aye  
McMillian - Aye  
Powell - Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9218**  
**APPROVE SECRETAC DISBURSEMENTS, MARCH 31, 2025**

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Powell to approve the SECRETAC disbursements for March 31, 2025, and authorize transfer of funds in the following amounts:

SECRETAC Fund: \$3,000.00

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:  
Elliott - Aye  
McMillian - Aye  
Powell - Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9219**  
**APPROVE OEM DISBURSEMENTS, MARCH 31, 2025**

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Powell to approve the OEM disbursements for March 31, 2025, and authorize transfer of funds in the following amount:

EMS Fund \$109.72

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

Elliott - Aye

McMillian - Aye

Powell - Aye

#### **OTHER BUSINESS OR DISCUSSION**

Christopher Olney, with Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU), stopped by to give us an update about our lake locations. In April, we can expect a visit from Governor Polis to our area. The initial State funding that had been allocated for recreational improvements was diverted to cover the costs associated with SB25-003 Semiautomatic Firearms and Rapid-Fire Devices. Aurora had indicated a willingness to have conversations with CSU and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) about improvements that can be made to our local lakes. CPW also stated that they would be willing to provide oversight for special events like the sea planes or the Mile High Meet and Greet. Christopher mentioned that there is word circulating around that there are hedge funds in the valley looking to buy water. Fracking has increased in Texas and the Arkansas River is a close water source. He just wanted to let us know what he has been hearing.

Tony Moreland told the commissioners that the Ordway Senior Center is preparing a news letter that will be mailed out. Subscription cost is \$10 per year. They would like to put on an event at the fairgrounds. Commissioners stated that we need a specific date to see if it is available. He said he could get that to us. He also stated that the Ordway Senior Center needs another storage shed because they are holding the Ordway Fire Departments decorations. He asked if the County would pay for it. The commissioners asked him to determine a size, and get them several quotes so they could make a decision.

Danae Stratton with Property Craft stopped by. Their company provides a variety of restoration and clean up services in under-served communities, including a 3-hour emergency response time. They provide services to residential, commercial, and industrial clients. They are currently located in Pueblo and are looking at opening a business in Fowler. They are currently working with Rocky Ford and La Junta on some projects.

LaShelle Benbow asked the commissioners why the new Annex had not been cleaned, even after they had a talk with the janitor on Friday. Roy did not have an answer to that question, but he mentioned that the janitor was scheduled to be in at 1:00 p.m., today. Vicki Powell brought up that Mindy Carter mentioned that the carpets look worse than before they were cleaned this weekend. Roy mentioned that it may be time to look at replacing the carpet considering its age.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9220**

##### **APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CROSSROADS TURNING POINT, INC. AND CROWLEY COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHEAST COLORADO OPIOID RESPONSE SETTLEMENT REGION 19**

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Powell to approve the Professional Services Agreement between Crossroads Turning Point, Inc. and Crowley County, on behalf of the Southeast Colorado Opioid Response Settlement Region 19, for Opioid related treatment services in the amount of \$237,820.

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

Elliott - Aye

McMillian - Aye

Powell - Aye

#### **MONTHLY PRISON MEETING**

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

Commissioners: Elliott. McMillian and Powell

Deputy Clerk to the Board: LaShelle Benbow

CCCF: Warden Guy Bosch, Assistant Warden Steve Brown, and Chief of Security Dan Barbero

CCCCF: Warden Bosch stated that the current bed count is 1,496. Their capacity is 1,824. Next week a tour will be completed by a Colorado Department of Corrections person to evaluate the beds and facility for potential increases in population. The recent audit was completed with many praises; the number of findings were half the amount of the previous audit and staff surveys were good. Staff is working a 4-3-3-4 schedule and seem to like it. They are having a pizza party meeting with staff to discuss audit findings and to give praise for a job well done. They have 9 correctional officer vacancies, and a new class graduating in two weeks. His goal for the quarter is to be able to skip an academy so they can pour more time and resources into existing staff. The academy is six weeks long. Elliott asked if they have ever met with personnel from PPMU. Bosch mentioned that he speaks to Jess Brandt about once per week on the phone. Jess provides legislative updates and inquires about capacity levels and if they are prepared to receive an increase in population. The Director of Prisons will be visiting the facility next week.

Dan Barbero, Chief of Security, stated that a security audit is coming in the near future. He is highly focused on public safety. They have been conducting more dynamic staff training for various security issues.

Steve Brown, Assistant Warden, mentioned that the kitchen floor project will begin in July. Unfortunately, they will be operating out of food service trailers for 6-8 weeks. The inmates and maintenance personnel are not too pleased with this, but it must be done. He is still waiting for a quote on the prairie dog control.

Elliott asked if the prison would be willing to purchase some shooting mats. They said absolutely, and they will get them delivered to the District 2 Road & Bridge Shop.

#### **PLANNING AND ZONING HEARING**

The board conducted a planning and zoning hearing. Those present were:

Commissioners: Elliott, McMillian and Powell  
Deputy Clerk to the Board: LaShelle Benbow  
Planning & Zoning Administrator: Matt Carter  
Audience: Greg Karle and Patrick Maher

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9221**

##### **SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION REQUEST, SUGAR CITY INDUSTRIES, LLC (PATRICK MAHER, AGENT), FILE NO. 2025-04**

Mr. Maher intends to sell two acres to next door neighbor, Greg Karle. Mr. Karle intends to use the added space to store cars awaiting salvage and towed vehicles. Both properties are zoned commercial/industrial, and are located on county road 23, just east and north of Sugar City. Mr. Karle plans to vacate the currently property line and absorb the new parcel into his existing property. The Crowley County Planning and Zoning Commission heard the request on March 24, 2025, and recommended approval by the Board, contingent upon Mr. Karle vacating current property line and having only on parcel when completed. The new parcel must be surveyed and recorded with the Crowley County Clerk. The resolution follows:

#### **RESOLUTION**

(APPROVING SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION)

CROWLEY COUNTY FILE NO. 2025-04

WHEREAS, Sugar City Industries (Patrick Maher, Agent), has filed a request for Subdivision Exemption with the Crowley County Planning and Zoning Commission concerning certain property located in Crowley County, Colorado.

WHEREAS, a hearing was held before the Crowley County Planning and Zoning Commission concerning this request on 03/24/2025; and

WHEREAS, the Crowley County Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended to the Crowley County Commissioners that said request be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, the following resolution is hereby adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Crowley County, Colorado.

1. The Subdivision Exemption request of Sugar City Industries (Patrick Maher, Agent), is hereby approved.

2. The real property which is the subject of this resolution is described as follows:

The property is also known as:

Section: 11 Township: 21 Range: 56 12.47A BY M&B IN SW1/4NW1/4 (12.47 A)

Parcel Number 10801576

3. This resolution is approved and the real property which is the subject of this resolution for division is granted subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Any and all health department requirements are to be complied with in their entirety.
- 2) Crowley County Building Codes, if applicable, are to be complied with in their entirety.
- 3) One certified copy of the survey shall be recorded with the Crowley County Clerk and Recorder and a second copy filed with the Land Use Administrator.

4. Other requirements:

Water source mark when applicable - n/a

Required Access Road mark when applicable - n/a

Sewer System mark when applicable - n/a

Motion by McMillian, seconded by Powell to approve the subdivision exemption request for Sugar City Industries, LLC, subject to Mr. Karle vacating the current property line and having the new parcel surveyed and recorded with the Crowley County Clerk.

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

Elliott - Aye

McMillian - Aye

Powell - Aye

No further business appearing, the meeting was recessed.

ATTEST:

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Melinda Carter, County Clerk

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Roy Elliott, Chairman