

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR TRICIA EVEREST

WHEREAS, Tricia Everest was elected and served as the first Chair of the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority (“Authority”), serving from June 10, 2019 until her resignation on April 30, 2021 to assume her duties as Director of Public Safety of the State of Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, under Tricia Everest’s leadership as Chair, the Authority and its Trustees, with the financial assistance of the Board of County Commissioners:

1. Began operations as a newly formed public trust, establishing financial systems, conducting a process for selection and engaging the first Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, recruiting and training over 300 detention officers, entering into scores of operational contracts, and began operation of the Oklahoma County Detention Center (“OCDC”) on July 1, 2020 in the face of the challenges of the COVID Pandemic, and thereafter, increased detention officer salaries to promote employee recruitment and retention, especially during the COVID Pandemic, and through its Chief Executive Officer, Greg Williams, implemented policies and procedures designed to establish a culture of mutual respect and fair treatment within the OCDC benefitting both detention officers and detainees;

2. Established vendor selection processes and entered into new contracts for: (i) enhanced medical services, including COVID services; (ii) an improved telephone system to provide tablet communications equipment for detainees, while reducing costs to users; (iii) enhanced food service to provide three hot meals each day; (iv) improved commissary services to detainees; and (v) enhanced pest control services providing for weekly treatment and other improved protocols for the OCDC; and

3. The following improvements were made to the OCDC: (i) air handling systems were improved, providing fresh, filtered air throughout the building; (ii) the hot water system was upgraded, ensuring proper sanitation; a water management system was installed to better manage unnecessary usage; (iii) booster pumps were installed to improve the delivery of water pressure to upper floors; (iv) the sewage system was revamped, which doubled the number of grinders to prevent sewage system backups; (v) sump pumps were installed in areas prone to flooding; (vi) cell door locks were replaced with improved locking technology; and, (vii) off-line power access was upgraded with new electrical transfer switches to generators.

NOW, THEREFORE, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2021, the Authority and its Trustees express their great appreciation to Tricia Everest for her service as Chair of the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority.

OKLAHOMA COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
AUTHORITY

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James D. Couch, Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary