

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION OF STEVEN BICKLEY

WHEREAS: Steven Bickley has been the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board for approximately one year. During that time, under his leadership, some of the accomplishments of the agency are as follows:

- The agency has operated under budget. For FY20, our agency was approximately \$400,000 under budget.
- The agency has been able to double docketed caseloads by increasing productivity, increasing automation, and eliminating unnecessary work without increasing overall staff levels. For example, in October 2019, the staff instituted the Serious Incident Report docket which has reduced the number of investigative reports required to be prepared by the field staff and, in turn, to be reviewed by the Board, by 25% monthly.
- Steven Bickley and the staff have been instrumental in managing an increased caseload of the agency. For example, from January through April of this year the Board has docketed 280% more cases than for the same period in 2019. In that four-month period the Board heard more cases than in the entire year of 2018 under the previous board.
- The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board was awarded the Governor's Leadership Award for best overall agency performance for 2019. The agency was also awarded the CARE award by the Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI.) Both of the prestigious awards were firsts for our agency.
- In November 2019 the Board recommended commutation of inmates based on the legislation that certain crimes that were once felonies have now been classified as misdemeanors. On November 1, 2019 Governor Kevin Stitt approved the commutation of the sentences of 462 inmates incarcerated for non-violent offenses. This was the largest single day commutation in United States history. Since that November 2019 special meeting, the agency has held numerous other 1269 dockets resulting in the release of more low-level, non-violent offenders under the efficient single-stage commutation docket approach.
- When the Pandemic hit, the agency was able to keep meeting while numerous other states cancelled or suspended their pardon and parole activities.
- Steven Bickley and the staff collaborated with DOC Director Crow to initiate a Medical Parole Docket in response to COVID 19.
- The agency developed the stage one commutation spreadsheet based upon DOC data extract reports providing the Board with more accurate data and a fuller picture of the offender at the first stage of the process, thus enabling a better decision-making process by the Board.

WHEREAS: Steven Bickley has honorably and professionally served the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board and the citizens of the state of Oklahoma:

BE IT RESOLVED: The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board gratefully acknowledges Mr. Bickley's service to the Board and fully appreciates his service during his tenure as Executive Director.