



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

c/o Blair County Controller, 423 Allegheny St., Ste 141 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of May 20, 2021 at 8:30 AM

In Commissioners' Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C. Stickel, District Attorney Pete Weeks

Board Members not in Attendance:

President Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Sheriff James Ott

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Eckerd, Deputy Warden Whitesel, Officer Brenda Matthews

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Dr. Ed Grab

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Controller Stickel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Controller Stickel explained the ground rules for today's teleconference. Only voting members of the Prison Board may leave their telephones unmuted during the entire meeting, but we would request each avoids excess noise from your location. All other participants should mute their telephones until called upon to speak. Public participants may speak only during the designated public comment period near the beginning of the meeting and must keep their phones muted during the rest of the meeting. Each person needs to avoid interrupting the person speaking. Each speaker MUST state his/her name before talking each time he/she speaks so others will know who is speaking and to ensure minutes will be accurate.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Controller Stickel.

The roll was called by Tracy Mosel-Miller.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Controller Stickel called for public comment on Prison items. Dr. Grab stated he was grateful to be able to have interviews with the inmates through Zoom during the pandemic; and they continue to have meaningful conversations. He thanked Officer Matthews for her work for the inmates during the pandemic.

Meeting of May 20, 2021 continued. . .

Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2021 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Erb and seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2021 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate acknowledged and thanked Officer Brenda Matthews for her service. Warden Tate praised Officer Matthews for her organization skills with the Commissary, The Book Cart, and the packets from Oasis. Officer Matthews also organized the Corrections Officer Appreciation Week activities. This was a major undertaking, and it was greatly appreciated.

Inmate Population Report: Warden Tate provided an updated Inmate Population Report which will be kept on file with the minutes. Controller Stickel made a call for questions, and there were none.

Inmate Services Report: Deputy Warden Whitesel reviewed the Inmate Services Report which will be kept on file with the minutes. He gave an update on the volunteer programs. H-Block Pre-Release Drug and Alcohol Program has 8 participants. Peer-Star, which assists inmates with re-entry planning, has 6 participants. Women's Parenting has 36 participants. Men's Parenting has 24 participants. Reformers Unanimous has 14 participants. Goodwill Re-Entry Program has 1 participant. Controller Stickel made a call for questions, and there were none.

Warden's Report: Warden Tate provided the Warden's Report which will be kept on file with minutes.

Staffing Update: Deputy Warden Eckard provided a Staffing Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

COVID-19 Update: Warden Tate stated there are no issues with COVID-19 among staff or inmates. Tyrone Pharmacy came to the Prison and vaccinated approximately 45 Staff and Inmates. The pharmacy administered the vaccines in the Laundry Area, which worked well. Warden Tate stated she would like to offer this service to all County employees and Attorneys that frequently come to the Courthouse. The Tyrone Pharmacy is tentatively scheduled to return on June 10th.

Prison Expansion Committee: Controller Stickel stated Warden Tate met with R.L. Kimball, Architect and gave them a tour of the prison. They are going to evaluate, at no cost and no commitment to the County, and give recommendations for expansion.

Chairman's Report: No report at this time.

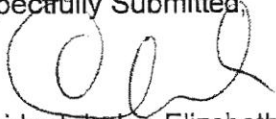
Meeting of May 20, 2021 continued. . .

Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for April 2021 which will be kept on file with the minutes. He made a call for questions, and there were none.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Controller Stickel adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room. Masks are required.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Doyle', written over the text 'Respectfully Submitted,'.

President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary