

BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of May 16, 2019 at 8:30 AM at the

Blair County Courthouse in Conference Room 2B

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Ted Beam, Commissioner Bruce Erb, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle, District Attorney Richard Consiglio, Controller A.C. Stickel, Sheriff James Ott

Board Members not in Attendance: Commissioner Terry Tomassetti

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Jayme McMahon, Deputy Warden James Eckard, Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel, Robert Miller, Helen Schmitt

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: Brent Bavington

AFSCME: Dave Carey

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Kathy Skebeck

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Commissioner Beam called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Beam.

Call for Public Comment: Commissioner Beam called for public comment on Prison Board Items. There were no comments.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Erb and seconded by Controller Stickel that the minutes from April 18, 2019 Prison Board meeting, be approved as prepared. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employees: Warden Tate introduced two new employees: Deputy Warden of Operations Jay Whitesel, and Training Coordinator Bob Miller. Both started on May 13, 2019.

Inmate Population Report: Warden Tate provided an updated report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Inmate Services Report: Deputy Warden McMahon provided an updated report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Helen Schmitt asked for a definition of the C-Prep Program and Kay Stephens asked how the C-Prep Program is different from the Goodwill Program. Warden Tate and Commissioner Erb provided the details of each program.

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

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

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Deputy Warden McMahon provided an Inmate Population Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for April 2019 and will be kept on file with the minutes.

Commissioner Beam reported that CCAP recently inquired if Blair County Prison has a visiting room available for prisoners with children to visit with them outside the confines of the prison. Warden Tate reported that there is a contact visit room separate from visits within the prison and explained the details of the program which has been in place for several years.

There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Beam adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JUNE 20, 2019 AT 8:30 AM AT THE BLAIR COUNTY PRISON.

Respectfully Submitted,

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