



# BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

## Blair County Prison Board Meeting of April 20, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. In the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room

### Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Erb, Commissioner Laura Burke, Controller A.C. Stickel, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Deputy Controller Angela Wagner, Chief Deputy Sheriff Chris Tatar

### Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Warden Jim Eckard, Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel, Kathryn Descavish, Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog)

### Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Amy Webster, District Attorney Pete Weeks, Sheriff James Ott

### Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

### AFSCME Representatives in Attendance: NONE

**Quorum:** Present

### Prison Society Members in Attendance: Trish Haight

### Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Erb called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Led by Commissioner Erb

The roll was called by Commissioner Erb.

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

**Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2023 Meeting:** A motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Judge Doyle to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2023 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Recognition of BCP Employee:** Warden Tate stated she wanted to recognize Kathryn Descavish, an intern from South Hills Business School. She has spent time with Deputy Warden Edmundson, the medical department, and the treatment department.

Warden Tate wanted to thank Kathryn for the tremendous help she has provided in the Case Management Office. The extra help is much appreciated.

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Commissioner Erb thanked Kathryn and stated he hoped this was a wonderful learning experience for her. She stated it has been.

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

**Inmate Services Report:** Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson stated: The Peerstar Re-entry Program had 5 participants. The Salvation Army presentation had 0 participants. Women's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 31 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 10 participants. Reformers Unanimous had 14 participants. Women's Parenting had 2 participants. Men's Parenting had 26 participants. The Good Will Re-entry Program had 4 participants. The GED Preparation Program has 6 female and 12 male participants. The Work Release Program has 4 participants.

**Warden's Report:** Warden Tate provided the Warden's Report which will be kept on file with the 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 were no COVID-19 issues with the staff or inmates.

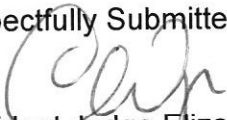
**Prison Sub-Committees:** No reports at this time.

**Financial Report:** Deputy Controller Wagner provided a report for March 2023 which will be kept on file with the minutes.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Erb adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle  
Secretary