



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of April 21, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. In the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Commissioner Laura Burke, Controller A.C. Stickel, Sheriff James Ott, District Attorney Pete Weeks, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle

Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Amy Webster

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Warden Jim Eckard, Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel, Nicole Hemminger, Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), Susan Osterman, Officer Brenda Matthews

Primecare Representatives in

Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance

NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance:

NONE

Media in Attendance:

Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

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

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. There were no comments at that time.

Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2022 Meeting: A motion was made by Sheriff Ott and seconded by Commissioner Erb to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2022 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate stated the first week of May is Corrections Employee Week. The Prison celebrates this annually by providing special food and trying to promote a more "upbeat" atmosphere. Warden Tate wanted to thank Officer Brenda Matthews for making this possible. All year long Brenda does fundraisers to ensure the Officers' Fund is flourishing. Warden Tate stated without Brenda's dedication we would not be able to come close to providing the level of celebration that has taken place. Warden Tate

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also stated Brenda does a lot of this work after hours, on her own time. Warden Tate appreciates her efforts.

Chairman Stickel thanked Brenda for the job she does; and stated he appreciates the work all the Officers do for the Prison.

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 Jay Whitsel stated C-Prep Program has not restarted. The Peerstar Re-entry Program has 16 female participants and 19 male participants. Women's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 3 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 3 participants. Reformers Unanimous had 25 participants. Women's Parenting had 15 participants. Men's Parenting had 18 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 are no inmates or staff under COVID-19 protocol.

Prison Expansion Committee: Chairman Stickel stated there were no meetings this month. He indicated they are anxious to see if a feasibility study grant (which the Board of Commissioners applied for) will be approved.

Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for March which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Controller Stickel adjourned the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary