



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of July 21, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

In the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Amy Webster, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Sheriff James Ott, First Assistant District Attorney Nichole Smith

Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Laura Burke, District Attorney Pete Weeks

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden James Eckard, Officer Brett Carruthers, Allison Senkevich, Bryan King (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog)

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance

Dave Carey

Prison Society Members in Attendance:

Bob DuPont

Media in Attendance:

Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Controller Stickel called the meeting to order at 8:31a.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.

Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2022 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Erb and seconded by Sheriff Ott to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2022 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate wanted to thank Officer Brett Carruthers for his dedication to keeping the inventory of the armory up to date. The armory is not large enough to store all the inventory. This means he needs to go to multiple place to verify inventory. He has kept the inventory up to date and organized. The state inspectors commented on how much better the system is.

Officer Carruthers was excited to recently attend Block Armor School. He is now in charge of maintaining the weapons inventory.

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Warden Tate wanted to thank him for being organized and doing a fantastic job.

Chairman Stickel thanked Officer Carruthers for everything he does for the Prison and stated how much his dedication is appreciated.

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

Inmate Services Report: Warden Tate stated: The Peerstar Re-entry Program has 27 female participants and 38 male participants. Salvation Army Presentation had 14 participants. Women's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 24 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 7 participants. Reformers Unanimous had 10 participants. Women's Parenting had 23 participants. Men's Parenting had 20 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 3 staff members were out on COVID-19 protocol. The Prison had 10 inmates test positive for COVID-19. H-Block, E-Block, RHU-Block, and J-Block were under quarantine. They have been able to keep it contained.

Primecare Medical Amendment: Warden Tate presented an amendment to the Board for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. She is requesting an additional Full-Time Clinical Social Worker position be added to the Primecare Contract.

The Prison has seen a drastic increase in mental health issues; and has 1 Clinical Social Worker seeing about 500 inmates a month. Adding this position would provide more comprehensive care to the inmates.

Chairman Stickel moved to approve the amendment to the Primecare Contract. Judge Doyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Encartle Contract: Warden Tate stated Encartle's contract (the phone system and jail management system) ends this year. The Prison does have a one-year extension option. Warden Tate stated there has been zero issues with the phones; and she has no desire to switch services. Encartle approached Warden Tate about participating in a Pilot Program. Encartle would supply the Prison with 30 tablets (at no cost) to test the usability within the facility.

Solicitor Karn is reviewing the proposal.

Prison Sub-Committees: Chairman Stickel had no report at this time.

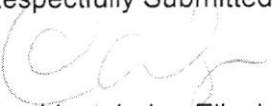
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Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for June 2022 which will be kept on file with the minutes.

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

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary