



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of July 20, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

At the Blair County Prison

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Warden Jim Eckard, Kathryn Descavish, Angela Wagner, Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), David Kessling

Board Members not in Attendance:

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

Quorum: Present

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

Executive Session: Chairman Stickel announced that on July 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. Controller Stickel, Commissioner Erb, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Webster, Judge Doyle, Sheriff Ott, Chief Clerk Hemminger, and Warden Tate met with Attorney Shon Worner to discuss potential litigation.

The roll was called by Controller Stickel.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Controller Stickel called for public comment on Prison items. There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2023 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Erb and seconded by Commissioner Webster to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2023 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Deputy Warden Eckard recognized Kathryn Descavish. Kathryn was a student intern that graduated from South Hills School of Business & Technology with an Associate in Specialized Business Degree in Criminal Justice. She worked in different areas within the Prison: security, intake, records, and counseling. She continually asked if she could shadow with the counselors. Kathryn was hired as a Full-Time Correctional Case Manager. The Prison is very excited to have her on staff.

Controller Stickel congratulated Kathryn on her graduation and welcomed her to the Prison staff.

Inmate Population Report: Deputy Warden Eckard 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 4 participants. Women's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 15 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 12 participants. Reformers Unanimous had 26 participants. Women's Parenting had 10 participants. Men's Parenting had 20 participants. The Good Will Re-entry Program had 5 participants. The GED Preparation Program has 5 female and 6 male participants. The Work Release Program has 5 participants. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) had 8 female and 24 male participants.

Warden's Report: Deputy Warden Eckard 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: No COVID-19 update was given.

Prison Sub-Committees: Deputy Warden Edmundson stated the Re-entry Coalition met this month. Their focus was Strategic Planning Goals. The goals include work release, housing, and education. The August meeting will focus on defining these goals.

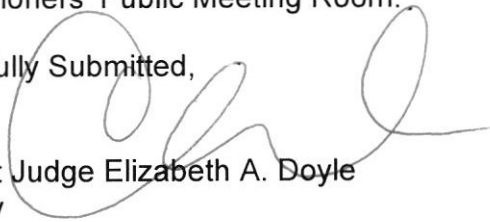
Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for June 2023 which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Controller Stickel adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Meeting of July 20, 2023 continued. . .

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

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