



# BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

## Blair County Prison Board Meeting of August 18, 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, Commissioner Amy Webster, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle

### **Board Members not in Attendance:**

District Attorney Pete Weeks, Sheriff James Ott

**Quorum:** Present

### **Non-Board Members in Attendance:**

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden James Eckard, Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel, Lieutenant Dave Fogle, Allison Senkevich

### **Primecare Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

### **AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

### **Prison Society Members in Attendance:**

Kathy Rhodes

### **Media in Attendance:**

Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

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

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Led by Controller Stickel

The roll was called by Tracy Mosel-Miller.

Chairman Stickel extended his condolences to the family, friends and co-workers of Officer Mark Yingling who passed away on July 24, 2022.

**Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items:** Controller Stickel called for public comment on Prison items. Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror, requested an update on the status of the inmate work release program.

**Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2022 Meeting:** A motion was made by Commissioner Erb and seconded by Commissioner Webster to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2022 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Recognition of BCP Employee:** Warden Tate wanted to thank Lieutenant Dave Fogle for his dedication. He is responsible for two of the most complicated, time consuming housing units within the Prison; the RHU Unit and the Female Unit. A few weeks ago there was a mechanical issue. Lieutenant Fogle, as always, jumped right in to assist. This helped deescalate the severity of the situation.

He has a great relationship with the staff and inmates.

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Warden Tate thanked him for his leadership and all he does.

Chairman Stickel thanked Lieutenant Fogle for his service and leadership by example.

**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 Whitesel stated: The Peerstar Re-entry Program has 12 female participants and 29 male participants. Women's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 24 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 8 participants. Women's Parenting had 20 participants. Men's Parenting had 24 participants. The Good Will Re-entry Program had 24 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 currently there are no inmates or staff under COVID-19 protocol.

Tyrone Pharmacy will be providing COVID-19 vaccinations for inmates and staff on August 29, 2022.

**Encartele Contract:** Warden Tate presented an amendment to the Encartele contract. This amendment was reviewed and approved by Solicitor Karn. Controller Stickel moved to recommend the amendment to be adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**Work Release:** Warden Tate stated the Prison is ready to start the work release program again. She wants everyone to understand COVID-19 is a real thing the Prison has to deal with. The Prison needs to use protocol that works best for their environment. If an inmate has Covid-19, they will be quarantined for 10 days. This needs to be communicated to attorneys and employers.

**Prison Sub-Committees:** Chairman Stickel stated the Prison Expansion Committee still needs to meet. The Finance Committee met last week; and the Inmate Services Committee has met.

Warden Tate stated the sub-committees have been helpful.

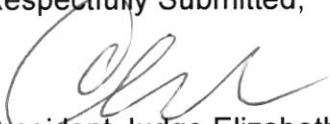
**Financial Report:** Controller Stickel provided a report for July 2022 which will be kept on file with the minutes.

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

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The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Blair County Prison

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Doyle', written over the printed name.

President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle  
Secretary