



# BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

## Regular Blair County Prison Board Meeting of May 17, 2018 at 8:30 AM at the Blair County Courthouse in the Commissioner's Meeting Room

### Board Members in Attendance:

Judge Milliron, Controller Stickel,  
Commissioner Beam, Commissioner Erb,  
District Attorney Consiglio

### Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Tomassetti, Sheriff Ott

**Quorum:** Present

### Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Acting Warden Cooper, Deputy Warden  
Garner, Deputy Warden Tate, Officer Donald  
LaGesse

### Primecare Representatives in Attendance:

None

**AFSCME:** None

### Prison Society Members in Attendance:

Dr. Edmundo Grab

### Media in Attendance:

Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

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**Call to Order:** Judge Milliron

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Judge Milliron

**Call for Public Comment:** Judge Milliron called for public comment. There was no comment at this time.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Beam, seconded by Controller Stickel and unanimously carried that the minutes from the April 19, 2018 Prison Board meeting, are approved as prepared.

**Inmate Population Report:** Presented by Deputy Warden Garner and will be kept on file with the minutes.

Judge Milliron wants to take another look at accepting state detainees for possible income.

Judge Milliron stated that he thinks there is a way to lower the inmate population by addressing mental health and examining procedural issues.

**Inmate Services Report:** Presented by Deputy Warden Abbie Tate and will be kept on file with the minutes.

Meeting of May 17, 2018 continued. . .

Judge Milliron stated that the board will regularly start thanking employees and service providers for their hard work and dedication.

Acting Warden Cooper publicly thanked Officer Donald LaGesse during the board meeting. This officer participated in a detail that occurred with a high risk defendant and a high risk witness.

**Warden's Report:** Presented by Acting Warden Cooper and will be kept on file with the minutes.

**Financial Report:** Presented by Controller Stickel and will be kept with the minutes.

Controller Stickel introduced Chantel DeGennaro to the board. She is handling the prison financials.

Commissioner Erb asked for a report that will show the comparison to the budget. Controller Stickel stated he is hopeful that he will have that report by the June 2018 meeting.

**Update on Warden Search:** Judge Milliron stated that interviews are still being conducted. Twenty-two candidates met the requirements. They did telephone interviews and narrowed the candidates down to 10 to 12. These candidates will be interviewed by the Sub-Committee. Judge Milliron gave a rough estimate that there will be about three to five candidates then brought to the board. The board hopes to have a new hire by the last week of June before Acting Warden Cooper's position expires.

Kay Stephens from the Altoona Mirror asked if Acting Warden Cooper would be eligible to stay longer if a Warden has not been hired yet. Acting Warden Cooper responded by stating he has other commitments and will no longer be available after June 24, 2018. Judge Milliron stated that the board has known about Acting Warden Cooper's commitments.

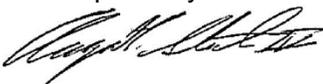
Kay Stephens asked what happens if there is not a new hire for when Acting Warden Cooper is no longer available. Judge Milliron responded by acknowledging that there will have to be another appointed Acting Warden because that is what is required by statute.

**Update on DOC Report:** Judge Milliron is pleased with how everything is going except for staffing. Judge Milliron is going to request for Secretary Wetzel to come back for a re-inspection.

**Executive Session:** The board went into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and the DOC Report.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JUNE 21, 2018 AT 8:30 AM AT THE BLAIR COUNTY PRISON**

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary