



# BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

## Blair County Prison Board Meeting of June 21, 2018 at 8:30 AM at the Blair County Prison

### Board Members in Attendance:

Judge Milliron, Commissioner Beam,  
Commissioner Erb, Commissioner Tomassetti,  
Deputy Wagner, District Attorney Consiglio

**Board Members not in Attendance:** Sheriff  
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**Quorum:** Present

### Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Tate, Deputy Warden Garner, Rocky  
Greenland

### Primecare Representatives in Attendance:

None

**AFSCME:** None

### Prison Society Members in Attendance:

None

### Media in Attendance:

Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

**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 Commissioner Tomassetti and unanimously carried that the minutes from the May 2018 Prison Board meeting, are approved as prepared.

**Jobs:** Rocky proposed that the maintenance department be utilized down at the prison.

Judge Milliron, Warden Tate, Deputy Garner, Commissioner Erb and Commissioner Tomassetti agreed upon the idea.

Warden Tate and Deputy Garner both agreed that it is easier to train someone to not leave items lay around verses training an officer on how to fix items.

Rocky and Judge Milliron talked about fixing the kitchen in the Prison.

A motion was made by Commissioner Beam, seconded by Commissioner Tomassetti.

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

Judge Milliron wants to take another look into accepting state detainees for possible revenue.

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

Judge Milliron stated that the board will regularly start thanking employees and service providers for their hard work and dedication along with volunteers that help with the programs for the inmates.

Judge Milliron wanted to publicly thank Officer Rick Smouse for his dedication to the Prison. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend.

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

Warden Tate brought to attention the West Law contract. This contract will reduce some of the book and allow electronic copies. Later in the year they would like to bring a kiosk over to the women's side so they can access the books.

A motion was made by Commissioner Beam and seconded by Commissioner Erb.

**Financial Report:** Presented by Deputy Wagner and will be kept on file with minutes.

**Update on Staffing:** There were 9 hires, 6 full time and 3 fill ins. There are 6 open spots for fill-ins.

Warden Tate and Deputy Garner elaborated on how the training for these positions are now 7 weeks of training verses 2 weeks of training. This has helped officers with the prison lay out and what to expect of the job itself.

Deputy Garner stated that it is hard to fill the fill-in position where only 50 applicants applied for the position where as the full time position received 153 applicants in two days.

**Update on the DOC Report:** Judge Milliron is pleased with how everything is going except for staffing.

**Update on Chairman Position:** Judge Milliron will stay on the Board as Chairman until the end of the year. Judge Doyle will be anticipating on taking the position at the beginning of the 2019.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JULY 19, 2018 AT 8:30 AM AT THE BLAIR COUNTY**

**COURTHOUSE IN ROOM 2B**

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary