



# BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

## Blair County Prison Board Meeting of December 20, 2018 at 8:30 AM at the Blair County Prison

### Board Members in Attendance:

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

### Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Beam, Commissioner  
Tomassetti, Sheriff Ott

**Quorum:** Present

### Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Jayme  
McMahon, Nicole Hemminger, Sheriff's Deputy  
Kermit Alwine, Rocky Greenland, James  
Eckard, John Weber, Christine Weber

### Primecare Representatives in Attendance:

None

**AFSCME:** None

### Prison Society Members in Attendance:

Mr.  
Ernest Fuller

### Media in Attendance:

Kay Stephens, Altoona  
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**Call to Order:** Judge Milliron called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Judge Milliron.

**Call for Public Comment:** Judge Milliron called for public comment on Prison Board Items. Mr. Ernest Fuller, Prison Society, thanked the Prison staff for their cooperation when their group visited the facility for Christmas caroling and distribution of homemade cookies and greeting cards made by students at a local parochial school.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by District Attorney Consiglio and seconded by Commissioner Erb that the minutes from the November 15, 2018 Prison Board meeting, be approved as prepared. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Recognition of BCP Employees:** The board recognized Mr. John Weber, a volunteer who has run the AA program at the prison for 12 years, for his efforts.

**Inmate Population Report:** Deputy Warden McMahon distributed an updated report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

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

**Warden's Report:** Presented by Warden Tate and will be kept on file with minutes. Warden Tate introduced new Deputy Warden, James Eckard.

Guardian RFID Program is a 3-year grant program, and is an inmate tracking program. Warden Tate asked the support of the board of taking this to the Commissioners' meeting for approval. Warden Tate and Nicole Hemminger provided an overview of the program. The board agreed to lend its full support for this program.

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Rocky Greenland, County Public Works Director, reported on an estimate provided by Oscar Amaya of A-CORP SCSI to provide an assessment of the lock mechanisms throughout the prison and the holding cells at the courthouse. His services will then include repairs, parts and training of the county maintenance staff.

A motion was made by Controller Stickel and seconded by Commissioner Erb to recommend to the commissioners that the county enter into an agreement with this company under Rocky Greenland's advice to provide the assessment.

Deputy Warden Eckard provided a report on staffing which will be kept on file with the minutes. Discussion followed regarding adding fill-in positions temporarily in order to fill the complement of full-time Corrections Officer positions. Controller Stickel suggested that the sub-committee meet with Deputy Warden Eckard to discuss further and present a report to the Salary Board at the regular meeting on January 9, 2019 and recommend the temporary increase in the fill-in complement number.

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

**Standing Committee Report:** No report.

Commissioner Erb and Controller Stickel thanked Judge Milliron for his leadership as chair of the Prison Board.

Judge Milliron adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 17, 2019 AT 8:30 AM AT THE BLAIR COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2B.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary