



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of July 18, 2019 at 8:30 AM at the Blair County Courthouse in Conference Room 2B

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Ted Beam, Commissioner Bruce Erb, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle

Board Members not in Attendance:

District Attorney Richard Consiglio, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Terry Tomassetti, Sheriff James Ott

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden James Eckard, Deputy Warden James McMahon, Helen Schmitt, Christopher Tatar, Deputy Controller Angela Wagner

Primecare Representatives in Attendance:

Tom Weber

AFSCME: Dave Carey and Tyler Lingafelt

Prison Society Members in Attendance:

Tom Irwin

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Commissioner Beam called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Beam.

Call for Public Comment: Commissioner Beam called for public comment on Prison Board Items. There were no comments.

Commissioner Beam noted that Deputy Controller Angela Wagner is attending today's meeting in the absence of Controller A.C. Stickel and Chief Deputy Sheriff Christopher Tatar is attending today's meeting in the absence of Sheriff James Ott.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by President Judge Doyle and seconded by Commissioner Beam that the minutes from June 20, 2019 Prison Board meeting be approved as prepared. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employees: The board recognized the inmates and corrections officers who have been working to clean up two local cemeteries, Fairview and Oak Ridge. The corrections officers are Don Lagesse, Matthew Schmitt and Dave McCulloch.

Warden Tate reported on the Good Time program because she, Commissioner Beam and Commissioner Erb have received inquiries. She explained the program and noted that Blair County does not participate in this type of program at this time. Warden Tate will do some further research and report at the next meeting.

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 McMahon reviewed the Inmate Services Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

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Warden's Report: Warden Tate reviewed the Warden's Report report which will be kept on file with minutes.

Deputy Warden Eckard provided a Staffing Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Warden Tate reported that she has been in contact with Logan Township regarding an agreement to use their canine officer at the prison. Solicitor Nathan Karn is reviewing the contract. Warden Tate will present the contract at the next meeting for approval.

President Judge Doyle asked for a status report on the camera coverage project at the prison. Warden Tate reported that progress has been made and the next step is to provide blueprints electronically to Kimball in order for them to submit an RFP.

Commissioner Erb noted that credit should be given to the Human Resources Office for their help with staffing efforts by Deputy Warden McMahon and Deputy Warden Eckard.

Financial Report: Deputy Controller Wagner provided a report for June 2019 which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Beam adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AUGUST 15, 2019
AT 8:30 AM IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2B.

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary