



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of September 19, 2019 at 8:30 AM at the Blair County Prison

Board Members in Attendance:

District Attorney Richard Consiglio,
President Judge Elizabeth Doyle,
Commissioner Bruce Erb

Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Ted Beam, Commissioner
Terry Tomassetti, Controller A.C. Stickel,
Sheriff James Ott

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Carrie Bruce, Deputy Warden James
Eckard, Deputy Warden James McMahon,
Robert Miller, Matthew Schmitt, Deputy
Sheriff Chris Tatar, Warden Abbie Tate,
Deputy Controller Angela Wagner, Deputy
Warden Jay Whitesel

**Primecare Representatives in
Attendance:** Brent Bavington

AFSCME: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance:
Mr. Richard Latker, Dr. Carroll Osgood

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens,
Altoona Mirror

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Erb.

Call for Public Comment: Commissioner Erb called for public comment on Prison Board Items. Mr. Latker spoke on behalf of the Prison Society. He explained that the Prison Society would like to make a donation of \$1,200.00 to be used for computer infrastructure improvements in the Prison library. He expressed concern for issues on E Block.

Commissioner Erb noted that Deputy Controller Angela Wagner is present at today's meeting for Controller Stickel and Deputy Sheriff Christopher Tatar for Sheriff Ott.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by President Judge Elizabeth Doyle and seconded by Commissioner Erb that the minutes from August 15, 2019 Prison Board meeting be approved as prepared. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employees: The board recognized corrections officer Carrie Bruce for her excellent work ethic and attendance.

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.

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

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Warden Tate reviewed the agreement with "TextBehind" and explained the need for it at the prison. "TextBehind" is an Inmate Mail Screening, Processing and Management System. The agreement has been reviewed by Solicitor Nathan Karn and Warden Tate is waiting for "Text Behind" to approve the revised agreement. A motion was made by President Judge Doyle and seconded by Deputy Controller Wagner to approve the agreement so that it may be presented at the next Commissioner's meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

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

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Erb adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 17, 2019
AT 8:30 AM in CONFERENCE ROOM 2B.

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary