



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of November 21, 2019 at 8:30 AM In Courtroom #4

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Ted Beam, Commissioner Terry Tomassetti, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Commissioner Bruce Erb, Sheriff James Ott,

Board Members not in Attendance:

District Attorney Richard Consiglio, Controller A.C. Stickel

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Deputy Warden James Eckard, Deputy Warden James McMahon, Deputy Sheriff Chris Tatar, Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Controller Angela Wagner, Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel, Mike Wilt

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: Tom Weber

AFSCME: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Elsie MacCullagh

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Commissioner Beam called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

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.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Beam.

Call for Public Comment: Commissioner Beam called for public comment on Prison Board Items. There was no comment at this time.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Erb and seconded by Commissioner Tomassetti that the minutes from October 17, 2019 Prison Board meeting be approved as prepared. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employees: Warden Tate introduced Mike Wilt, a new Corrections Officer who is doing an exceptional job working in the RHU.

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

Warden Tate requested approval of an agreement with PA Networks aka CDI-Infrastructure, LLC dba L.R. Kimball for the Security Systems Upgrade (Guardian.) A motion was made by Commissioner Erb and seconded by Commissioner Tomassetti to approve the agreement. The motion was unanimously carried.

Prison Society Donation Discussion: Warden Tate reported that staff are researching where the secure computer cabinets for the law library were purchased. Plans are to create a library in the women's block. They are working with IT on a solution.

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

Warden Tate reported that candidates were interviewed for the Kitchen Manager position and a candidate has been chosen to be offered the position.

President Judge Doyle commended the Prison Society and Warden Tate for filling the need for proper clothing for inmates who need them for court appearances.

Commissioner Erb noted that today is the last Prison Board meeting for Commissioner Beam and thanked him for his service and leadership of the Prison Board.

Commissioner Beam commended Warden Tate and the prison staff for their cooperation and efforts during his tenure as Prison Board Chair.

Warden Tate also expressed thanks to Commissioner Beam on behalf of her staff.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Beam adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 19, 2019
AT 8:30 AM AT THE BLAIR COUNTY PRISON.

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary