



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of December 19, 2019 at 8:30 AM In Courtroom #4

Board Members in Attendance: District Attorney Richard Consiglio, Sheriff James Ott, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Terry Tomassetti

Board Members not in Attendance:

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

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Laura Burke, Deputy Warden James Eckard, Deputy Warden James McMahan, Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Richard Latker

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Controller Stickel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Controller Stickel.

Call for Public Comment: Controller Stickel called for public comment on Prison Board Items.

Rickard Latker from the Prison Society reported that a group of them visiting yesterday, December 18, 2019 to deliver Christmas cookies, cards and carols. He also reported that the Prison Society is optimistic about the talks going on with Operation Our Town regarding post-release housing issue to facilitate re-entry and in the long run to reduce the prison population.

Kay Stephens from The Altoona Mirror asked about the concerns of inmates regarding access to the Prison Law Library. Warden Tate explained that her staff is working on solutions regarding security and vandalism resulting in damage to equipment.

Approval of Minutes: Tabled for lack of a quorum.

Recognition of BCP Employees: Warden Tate presented the attached Review of 2019 including Staffing, Inmate Population, and the Facility. Controller Stickel thanked Warden Tate and her team and their performance over the past year.

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 McMahan 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.

Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for November 2019 which will be kept on file with the minutes. Controller Stickel reported that a December report will be provided at the January meeting, but that final and accurate year-end figures for 2019 will be available in February or March.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Sheriff Ott and seconded by Commissioner Tomassetti that the minutes from November 21, 2019 Prison Board meeting be approved as prepared. The motion was unanimously carried. (Tabled from earlier in the meeting when no quorum was present.)

Controller Stickel acknowledged that today is the last Prison Board meeting for Commissioner Tomassetti. Controller Stickel expressed his thanks to Commissioner Tomassetti and to Commissioner Beam for their service on the Prison Board.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Controller Stickel and seconded by Sheriff Ott to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 16, 2020
AT 8:30 AM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary