



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of March 19, 2020 at 8:30 AM In Commissioners' Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Laura Burke by phone,
District Attorney Richard Consiglio,
President Judge Elizabeth Doyle,
Commissioner Bruce Erb, Sheriff James
Ott, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner
Amy Webster by phone

Board Members not in Attendance:

NONE

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Deputy Warden James Eckard, Lieutenant
David Fogle, Warden Abbie Tate, Assistant
District Attorney Peter Weeks, Deputy
Warden Jay Whitesel

**Primecare Representatives in
Attendance:** NONE

**AFSCME Representatives in
Attendance:** NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance:
NONE

Media in Attendance: NONE

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Controller Stickel.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Controller Stickel called for public comment on Prison items. There were no comments.

Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2020 Meeting: A motion was made by Sheriff Ott and seconded by Commissioner Erb to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2020 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2020 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Erb and seconded by Sheriff Ott to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2020 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate thanked all county employees and Prison staff who have been so helpful and concerned for the safety of staff and inmates during the pandemic.

Warden Tate introduced new employee, Lieutenant David Fogle.

Warden Tate introduced new employee, Julie Maysonet, Kitchen Manager.

Inmate Population Report: Warden Tate provided an updated Inmate Population Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Inmate Services Report: In the absence of Deputy Warden McMahon, Deputy Warden Whitesel reviewed the Inmate Services Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

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Deputy Warden Whitesel reported that the prison stopped visitors and volunteers from coming into the Prison two weeks ago due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Warden Tate reported that the posters for Prison Society have been recently updated including their address and phone number.

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

Warden Tate mentioned that the Sergeant Staffing Analysis is on hold at the time and will be added to next month's agenda.

Prison Expansion Committee: A motion was made by Controller Stickel and seconded by Commissioner Webster to appoint a Prison Expansion Committee. The committee will initially meet on a monthly basis to explore options. Committee members will include Warden Tate, Controller Stickel, Commissioner Webster, the liaison commissioner, and the President Judge or a person appointed by her. The motion was unanimously carried.

A copy of the report will be sent to Kay Stephens at The Altoona Mirror.

Chairman's Report: Controller Stickel thanked Warden Tate and her staff for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Controller Stickel recognized District Attorney Consiglio for his many years of service and congratulated him on his retirement. District Attorney Consiglio recognized Assistant District Attorney Weeks, who is attending his first Prison Board meeting.

Financial Report: Controller A. C. Stickel provided a report for February 2020 which will be kept on file with the minutes.

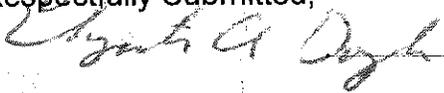
President Judge Doyle reported on the directive from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts to close the Courts of Common Pleas effective close of business today through April 3, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is attached.

Warden Tate will continue to update the Prison Board regarding changes, protocols and other information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Controller Stickel adjourned the meeting at 8:55am.

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020 AT 10:00 AM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM. Please note the change in date and time.

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle

Secretary