



# BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

## Blair County Prison Board Meeting of April 10, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. In the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Commissioner David Kessler, Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C. Stickel, District Attorney Peter Weeks, President Judge Wade Kagarise

**Board Members not in Attendance:** Sheriff James Ott

**Quorum:** Present

**Media in Attendance:**

**Non-Board Members in Attendance:** Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson, Alicia Tiracave

**Primecare Representatives in Attendance:**  
NONE

**AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:**  
NONE

**Prison Society Members in Attendance:**  
Earnest Fuller (via phone)

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Kessler called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Moment of Silent Reflection:** Led by Commissioner Kessler

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Led by Commissioner Kessler

The roll was called by Commissioner Kessler. Earnest Fuller from the Prison Society joined over phone.

**Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items:** There was none.

**Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2025 and March 13, 2025 Meeting:** A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Controller Stickel to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2025 and March 13, 2025 Prison Board Meetings. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Recognition of BCP Employee:** Warden Tate recognized the entire staff as the Prison has passed its State compliance inspection. The Warden thanks her staff for making sure tasks were completed to meet inspection requirements and stepping up to help in areas outside their own to meet the inspection. Warden Tate is grateful for the maintenance staff for rearranging their schedules to get additional work done that would not be able to be completed during their regularly scheduled hours making the maintenance recommendations list much smaller after this inspection than she has previously remembered it.

**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 Edmundson provided an updated Inmate Population Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

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

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

**Prison grass-cutting services:** Warden Tate asked the Prison Board for approval to seek funds for two new weed whackers totaling three thousand dollars. The Prison Board did not approve the request at this time and recommended reaching out to these sights for equipment help or to the community.

Discussion on supervision and ongoing investigations with Human Resources were discussed.

A request for a Prison dress code was made by Commissioner Kessler. Warden Tate agreed to have it drafted by the end of the day.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kessler made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by President Judge Kagarise. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

An Administrative meeting of Prison Board was held after the meeting concluded.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, May 8th, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "August C. Stickel IV". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "August" being the most prominent part.

August C. Stickel IV  
Chairperson