

BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessling, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C. Stickel, Sheriff James Ott, District Attorney Peter Weeks, President Judge Wade Kagarise,

Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Laura Burke

Quorum: Present

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens - Altoona Mirror, Carol Dannenberg – Hollidaysburg

Community Watchdog.

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Acting Warden Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Warden Cory Yedlosky, Lori Guyer, Keiton Pollock, Angela Wagner, Brian Walters

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Kathy Rhodes

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

Moment of Silent Reflection: Led by Commissioner Kessling

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Commissioner Kessling

The roll was called by Commissioner Kessling.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Kay Stephens – Interested in hearing an update on the new Prison Warden search?

Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2025 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Kessling and seconded by Controller Stickel to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2025 Prison Board Meetings. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Correction Officer Keiton Pollock was recognized in the new cadet class as a talented and mature new recruit. He is doing a fine job. The Prison is proud to recognize a young officer who has determined to be out spoken and open-minded.

The Prison would also like to extend it's thanks to the Sheriff's department and their continued help with Prison transports.

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

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

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

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

Financial Report: Controller Stickel presented the financial report to be kept on file with the minutes.

Commissioner Kessling – MTS did security upgrades. The have come in for some fixes and have made comment that some things are not under contract.

5 doors have been replaced with proper food pass gates.

12 passenger van has be purchased for the Prison with the existing 6 passenger van to go to the Sheriff's department.

Over twenty applicants have applied for the open Warden position. Interviews will begin today. It is a mix of wardens, retired wardens, and some out of state wardens.

The Board would like to thank Acting Warden Edmundson and Deputy Warden Yedlosky for keeping the Prison up to date and running during this transitionary time.

Adjournment: There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kessling made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by District Attorney Weeks. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:44a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Blair County Prison.

Respectfully Submitted,

May M. Stal See

August C. Stickel IV Chairperson

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