



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of December 11, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

At the Blair County Prison

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessler, Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C. Stickel, President Judge Wade Kagarise, Sheriff James Ott

Board Members not in Attendance: District Attorney Peter Weeks

Quorum: Present

Media in Attendance: Carrol Dannenberg:
Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Warden Matthew Hale, Deputy Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Cory Yedlosky, Michael Sapienza

Primecare Representatives in Attendance:
NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:
Frank Bailey

Prison Society Members in Attendance:
Kathy Rhodes

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

Moment of Silent Prayer: Led by Commissioner Kessler.

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

The roll was called by Commissioner Kessler.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Kathy Rhodes: Prison Society – Any updates on new Prison location?

The Commissioner's confirmed that nothing is finalized but a piece of land has been identified and we are waiting on a contract. An assessment of the property is still needed for access of utilities. This is a priority still for the Commissioners and Prison Board.

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

Approval of 2026 Prison Board Meeting Schedule Change: A motion was made by Controller Stickel and seconded by Commissioner Webster to approve the change of schedule for the 2026 meetings. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Hale requested a new formatting for recognition in 2026. Warden Hale would like to do recognition quarterly with a nominated a staff member voted on by supervisors and administrative staff. When brought to Prison board they could be presented with a certificate from the Prison Board as a more thoughtful and meaningful gesture. The will be possible for more vetting of someone deserving of the recognition and appreciation of the staff and board.

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Inmate Population Report: Deputy Warden Edmundson 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.

Commissioner Kessler wants to thank the Prison for the amount of programs offered and number of people in these programs with the lack of space that the Prison has.

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

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

Adjournment: There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kessler moved the meeting into executive session to do with personnel and security. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Tuesday January 6, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 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 last name "Stickel" being particularly prominent.

August C. Stickel IV
Chairperson