



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of September 17, 2020 at 8:30 AM

By Conference Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Laura Burke, President
Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Commissioner
Bruce Erb, Commissioner Amy Webster,
Deputy Controller Angela Wagner¹

Board Members not in Attendance:

Sheriff Jim Ott, District Attorney Peter
Weeks, Controller A.C. Stickel

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Nicole Hemminger, Deputy Warden James
McMahon, Warden Abbie Tate, Dave
McColloch

**Primecare Representatives in
Attendance:** NONE**AFSCME Representatives in
Attendance:** NONE**Prison Society Members in Attendance:**
NONE**Media in Attendance:** Kay Stephens,
Altoona Mirror

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

Commissioner Erb explained the ground rules for today's teleconference. Only voting members of the Prison Board may leave their telephones unmuted during the entire meeting, but we would request each avoids excess noise from your location. All other participants should mute their telephones until called upon to speak. Public participants may speak only during the designated public comment period near the beginning of the meeting and must keep their phones muted during the rest of the meeting. Each person needs to avoid interrupting the person speaking. Each speaker **MUST** state his/her name before talking each time he/she speaks so others will know who is speaking and to ensure minutes will be accurate.

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

The roll was called by Angela Wagner, Chief Deputy Controller.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Kay Stephens asked why the July payroll skyrocketed.

Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2020 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Webster and seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2020 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

¹ In the absence of the Controller, the deputy has full voting rights as a member of the board

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Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate recognized Officer Dave McCulloch for his service to the prison during the pandemic. Officer McCulloch has been a leader during the pandemic in making sure our facility is sanitized properly.

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

Inmate Services Report: Warden Tate reviewed the Inmate Services 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 minutes.

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

COVID-19 Update: Warden Tate provided a COVID-19 update. There are still no COVID-19 positive cases at the prison with inmates or staff.

Prison Expansion Committee: No report at this time

Chairman's Report: No report at this time

Financial Report: Deputy Controller Angela Wagner provided a report for June 2020 which will be kept on file with the minutes. Commissioner Erb addressed the increase in payroll for August. He indicated that some of it was due to the arbitration award and will impact the budget. There was also a discussion about continued high cost of payroll, medical and sustenance.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Controller Stichel adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. by conference call.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. Doyle', written in black ink.

President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary