



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of October 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. In Commissioners' Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Commissioner Laura Burke, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Commissioner Amy Webster, District Attorney Pete Weeks, Chief Deputy Sheriff Chris Tatar

Board Members not in Attendance:

Controller A.C. Stickel, Sheriff James Ott

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Eckerd, Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel, Lisa Dukeman, Nicole Hemminger, Brooke Means, Shelsa Miller

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.

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

The roll was called by Commissioner Erb.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Commissioner Erb called for public comment on Prison items. Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror, asked for a status update regarding the COVID-19 quarantine of female inmates and the Prison Expansion Project.

Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2021 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Webster and seconded by President Judge Doyle to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2021 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate wanted to recognize all the female Corrections Officers. Three were present (those on shifts who were available to attend), but recognition goes to all of them due to shortages in their ranks and working above and beyond to make sure there is coverage. Warden Tate thanked all female staff for their dedication.

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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 reviewed the Inmate Services Report which will be kept on file with the minutes. Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings have 7 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program has 5 participants. . Men's Parenting has 24 participants.

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 stated there is one (1) staff member out on COVID-19 protocol and one (1) male inmate that arrived with COVID-19. The inmate is in medical quarantine. The female quarters were back to normal following their recent COVID-19 issues.

Financial Report: Commissioner Erb provided a report for September 2021 which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Erb adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary