



# BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

## Blair County Prison Board Meeting of July 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. At the Blair County Prison.

### Board Members in Attendance:

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

### Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessler, Commissioner Laura Burke

**Quorum:** Present

**Media in Attendance:** Kay Stephens – Altoona Mirror, Carol Dannenberg – Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog

**Non-Board Members in Attendance:** Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson, Officer Lillie McNeal, Nathaniel Port, Autumn Temple (via phone)

**Primecare Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

**AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

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

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**Call to Order:** Commissioner Webster called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

The roll was called by Commissioner Webster.

**Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items:** Commissioner Webster called for public comment on Prison items. Bob DuPont: Prison Society – Need of new facility and more case managers. Nathaniel Port: former employee – unanswered questions from time as an employee. Autumn Temple: Blair County taxpayer – continuing on Mr. Port's remarks. Kay Stephens: Altoona Mirror – updates in Prison repairs approved in Commissioner's meetings.

**Approval of Minutes from June 20, 2024 Meeting:** A motion was made by Controller Stickel and seconded by Sheriff Ott to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Recognition of BCP Employee:** Warden Tate recognized Officer Lillie McNeal, the Prison's first shift kitchen officer. The kitchen in a high stress environment, but Officer McNeal has come with new ideas and brought her intelligence to make the kitchen more efficient and cost effective. Officer McNeal has been invaluable to the Prison kitchen and the buying and efficient use of food in the Prison.

**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.

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

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

**COVID-19 Update:** Warden Tate stated there no cases of COVID-19 at this time.

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

**Prison Sub-Committees:** No sub-committee reports presented at this time.

Comments at the end were made from board members about other reports that could be included.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Sheriff Ott made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Controller Stickel. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room

Respectfully Submitted,



August C. Stickel IV  
Chairperson