



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of January 19, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. In the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Erb, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C Stickel, Sheriff James Ott, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle

Board Members not in Attendance:

Commissioner Laura Burke, District Attorney Pete Weeks

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden James Eckard, Corrections Officer Lisa Dukeman, Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog)

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Ernest Fuller

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Controller Stickel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Controller Stickel

The roll was called by Controller Stickel.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Controller Stickel called for public comment on Prison items. Ernest Fuller, Blair County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Prison Society, stated they did their annual Christmas tour, sang carols, distributed cards and cookies. He wanted to thank the Prison administration and the correction officers for making it work well. He also wanted to thank Encartele for providing free calls for inmates. He wanted to thank the Prison Board for initiating the feasibility study for constructing a new Prison. He would appreciate the opportunity to participate with the feasibility study and/or planning of the construction of a new Prison.

Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror, requested an update on the feasibility study.

Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2022 Meeting: A motion was made by Sheriff Ott and seconded by Commissioner Webster to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2022 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

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Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate recognized Corrections Officer Lisa Dukeman. She started her career at the Prison as a nurse and has used those skills as a Corrections Officer. She is the Prison's CPR Trainer. Lisa is very organized, has extreme attention for details, and works long hours. Warden Tate stated Lisa goes above and beyond. It has been 6 years since Lisa called off sick.

Warden Tate expressed her appreciation for Lisa's hard work and dedication.

Controller Stickel stated the Board is grateful for her dedication to 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: Warden Tate stated: The Peerstar Re-entry Program had 4 participants. Women's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 24 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 9 participants. Reformers Unanimous had 0 participants. Women's Parenting had 13 participants. Men's Parenting had 19 participants. The Good Will Re-entry Program had 4 participants. The GED Preparation Program has 9 female and 16 male participants.

Warden's Report: Warden Tate provided the Warden's Report which will be kept on file with the 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 currently there are no COVID-19 issues.

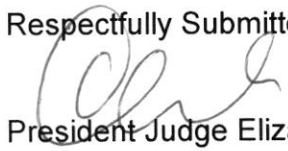
Prison Sub-Committees: Chairman Stickel stated no sub-committee meetings were held.

Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for December 2022 which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Controller Stickel adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary