



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of November 13, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. In the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessling, Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C. Stickel, District Attorney Peter Weeks, President Judge Wade Kagarise

Board Members not in Attendance: Sheriff James Ott

Quorum: Present

Media in Attendance: Conner Goetz: Altoona Mirror, Ann Merritts: Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Warden Matthew Hale, Deputy Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Cory Yedlosky, Acting Sargent McNeal, Mark Frailey : Go ReEntry, Lori Guyer, Angela Wagner

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:

Prison Society Members in Attendance:

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

Moment of Silent Prayer: Led by Commissioner Kessling.

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

The roll was called by Commissioner Kessling.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: There was none.

Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2025 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Kessling and seconded by Controller Stickel to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2025 Prison Board Meetings. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Hale presented a letter to the Board that was presented to all staff and will be kept with the minutes. Warden Hale highlighted Acting Sargent Hicks for her response to a possible weapon threat on Saturday November 8, 2025 and her ability to prevent an additional incidents.

Also highlighted, and brought to the meeting, Acting Sargent McNeal for her quick response to the power outage and lock down Wednesday November 5, 2025. Commissioner Kessling asked how many years Acting Sargent McNeal had at the Prison. Acting Sargent McNeal answered that she had been with the Prison seven years. Commissioner Kessling commended her response and knowledgeable actions with her years of service. The Board thanked Acting Sargent McNeal for her service to the Prison and her good work.

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

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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.

Discussion on use of the Inmate Welfare fund use within the Prison was discussed but no actions were taken on this matter as further discussion was needed to decide how these funds were to be reallocated from the general fund were they are currently being put.

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

Mark Frailey from Go ReEntry spoke briefly about his program.

Adjournment: There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kessler made the motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Controller Stickel. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday December 11, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Blair County Prison.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "August C. Stickel IV".

August C. Stickel IV
Chairperson