



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, Sheriff James Ott, District Attorney Peter Weeks, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Deputy Controller Angela Wagner

Board Members not in Attendance:

Controller A.C. Stickel

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel, Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson, Deputy James Eckard, Allison Senkevich, Dave Kessler, Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog)

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Bob DuPont

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. There were no comments.

Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2023 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Judge Doyle to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2023 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate requested a moment of silence to honor the memory of Lieutenant Dave Fogle.

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 Shaun Edmundson stated: The Peerstar Re-entry Program had 6 participants. The Salvation Army presentation had 0 participants. Women's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 12 participants. Men's In-Prison Drug/Alcohol Pre-Release Program had 8 participants. Reformers Unanimous had 18 participants. Women's Parenting had 22 participants. Men's Parenting had 17 participants. The Good Will Re-entry Program had 9 participants. The GED Preparation Program has 9 female and 21 male participants. The Work Release Program has 6 participants. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) had 4 female and 21 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 James Eckard provided a Staffing Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

COVID-19 Update: Warden Tate stated there were no COVID-19 issues with staff or inmates.

Prison Sub-Committees: Commissioner Erb asked Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson to give an update on the Re-Entry Coalition. Deputy Warden Edmundson stated they met in September and discussed the final strategic plan to be approved at the next meeting. Commissioner Erb stated that Ken Dean, with his expertise, had a strong influence with the strategic plan.

Financial Report: Deputy Controller Wagner provided a report for September 2023 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 8:45 a.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary