



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of April 15, 2021 at 8:30 AM

By Conference Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C. Stickel, District Attorney Pete Weeks

Board Members not in Attendance:

President Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Sheriff James Ott

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:, Deputy Warden Eckerd, Deputy Warden McMahon, Deputy Warden Whitesel, Officer Nate Port, Officer Tyler Baird

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance: NONE

Media in Attendance: Phil Ray, Altoona Mirror

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

Controller Stickel explained the ground rules for today's teleconference. Only voting members of the Prison Board may leave their telephones unmuted during the entire meeting, but we would request each avoids excess noise from your location. All other participants should mute their telephones until called upon to speak. Public participants may speak only during the designated public comment period near the beginning of the meeting and must keep their phones muted during the rest of the meeting. Each person needs to avoid interrupting the person speaking. Each speaker MUST state his/her name before talking each time he/she speaks so others will know who is speaking and to ensure minutes will be accurate.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Controller Stickel.

The roll was called by Tracy Mosel-Miller.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Controller Stickel called for public comment on Prison items. There were no comments.

Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2021 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Erb and seconded by District Attorney Weeks to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2021 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

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Recognition of BCP Employee: Deputy Warden James Eckard acknowledged and thanked Officer Nate Port and Officer Tyler Baird for their work with the Guardian Operating System. They spent the week, along with Deputy Warden Eckard, learning how the device works, how we administer the device, and how to fit it to the County Prison needs. The Guardian System is an electronic Android System that works off W-Fi that gives real-time data of inmate's location, inmate accountability, inmate activity, and has the ability to log security rounds and wellness checks of the inmate population. Officers Port and Baird assisted other staff with questions about the system while maintaining their normal duties. Controller Stickel also thanked the officers for their work; and stated he would like to see a demonstration when we get back to in-person meetings.

Inmate Population Report: Deputy Warden James Eckard provided an updated Inmate Population Report which will be kept on file with the minutes. Controller Stickel made a call for questions, and there was none.

Inmate Services Report: Deputy Warden McMahon reviewed the Inmate Services Report which will be kept on file with the minutes. A majority of the programs are running. Deputy Jay Whitesel gave an update on the volunteer programs. H-Block Pre-Release Drug and Alcohol Program began 2/22/2021. It has 4 participants. IU8 schooling for GEDs began 2/21/2021. The Kids First started 3/11/2021. They hold 2 groups per week: one for female inmates and one for male inmates. Virtual visitations between inmates and their children will start in the near future. Religious services started last weekend. Goodwill will be starting their program on 4/19/2021. Peer-Star will be starting their program on 4/26/2021. Alcoholics Anonymous, Women's Parenting, Reformers Anonymous, CPREP, and Work Release restart dates are still being determined. Controller Stickel made a call for questions.

Warden's Report: Deputy Warden James Eckard 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: Deputy Warden Eckard stated there are no issues with COVID-19 among inmates. Three staff members are following COVID-19 protocol pending test results.

Prison Expansion Committee: Controller Stickel announced the committee is scheduled to meet on 4/29/2021. They will move forward on planning the next steps in the process.

Prison Operation Continuity Report: Controller Stickel was excited to state a Kitchen Manager has been hired.

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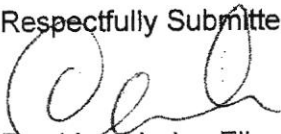
Chairman's Report: No report at this time.

Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for March 2021 which will be kept on file with the minutes. He made a call for questions.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Controller Stickel adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. by conference call.

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary