



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of December 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

At the Blair County Prison

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Commissioner Laura Burke, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Amy Webster, Sheriff James Ott, District Attorney Peter Weeks, President Judge Elizabeth Doyle

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Warden Abbie Tate, Deputy Warden Jay Whitesel, Deputy Warden Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Warden James Eckard, Cory Yedlosky, Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog)

Board Members not in Attendance:

NONE

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

Quorum: Present

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Ernest Fuller

Media in Attendance: Rachel Foor, 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, PA Prison Society, stated he had a successful walk through at the Prison.

Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2023 Meeting: A motion was made by Sheriff Ott and seconded by District Attorney Weeks to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2023 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate thanked the Board for their support and dedication. She appreciates their availability. Warden Tate also stated this is the last meeting Deputy Warden Eckard will be attending due to his retirement. She appreciated his service to the Prison. Cory Yedlosky will be stepping into Deputy Warden Eckard's position.

Controller Stickel thanked Deputy Warden Eckard for his services and leadership and welcomed Cory Yedlosky. Controller Stickel expressed his gratitude for Commissioner Erb's and President Judge Doyle's service to the Prison Board.

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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 5 participants. The Salvation Army presentation had 8 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 15 participants. Women's Parenting had 15 participants. Men's Parenting had 15 participants. The Good Will Re-entry Program had 3 participants. The GED Preparation Program has 5 female and 11 male participants. The Work Release Program has 5 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: No sub-committee reports presented at this time.

Financial Report: Controller Stickel provided a report for November 2023 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 8:48 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room

Respectfully Submitted,



August C. Stickel IV
Chairperson