



# BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

## Blair County Prison Board Meeting of March 3, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. In the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Commissioner David Kessler, Commissioner Laura Burke, Controller A.C. Stickel, Weeks, President Judge Wade Kagarise, Sheriff James Ott

### **Board Members not in Attendance:**

Commissioner Amy Webster, District Attorney Peter

**Quorum:** Present

**Media in Attendance:** Kay Stephens: Altoona Mirror

**Non-Board Members in Attendance:** Warden Matthew Hale, Deputy Shaun Edmundson, Michael Sapienza

**Primecare Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

**AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:** NONE

**Prison Society Members in Attendance:** NONE

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Kessler called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**Moment of Silent Prayer:** Led by Commissioner Kessler.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Led by Commissioner Kessler.

The roll was called by Commissioner Kessler.

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

**Public Comment from Prison Board Members:** Sheriff Ott: requested an administrative session with just the Prison Board to discuss personnel hiring.

**Tabling of Minutes from January 6, 2026 Meeting:** A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Controller Stickel to table the January 6, 2026 minutes of Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Recognition of BCP Employees:** Warden Hale brought Officer Nicholas Moffitt. Officer Moffitt has been taking on hiring and training of new officers. He has effectively raised recruitment, filled classes, and has made retention possible since Warden Hale's arrival. The Prison now has around a 95% retention rate of new hires with very few dropping out of their classes.

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

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

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**Warden's Report:** Warden Hale provided the Warden's Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

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

**Prison Financial Report:** Controller Stickel provided the financial report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

**Adjournment:** There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kessler moved the meeting into administrative session to do with personnel and security. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Tuesday April 7, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "August C. Stickel IV". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

August C. Stickel IV  
Chairperson