



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of August 20, 2020 at 8:30 AM By Conference Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Laura Burke, President
Judge Elizabeth Doyle, Commissioner
Bruce Erb, Controller A.C. Stickel,
Commissioner Amy Webster,

Board Members not in Attendance:

Sheriff Jim Ott, District Attorney Peter
Weeks

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Nicole Hemminger, Deputy Warden James
McMahon, Warden Abbie Tate, Tyler
Beard, Matt Schmitt

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance: NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance: NONE

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens,
Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Controller Stickel called the meeting to order at 8:31 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 Angela Wagner, Chief Deputy Controller.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: NONE

Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2020 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Erb and seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2020 Prison Board Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recognition of BCP Employee: Warden Tate recognized Tyler Beard, Matt Schmitt and Brett Carothers for their outstanding efforts in coordinating in person and virtual court hearings during this pandemic.

Meeting of August 20, 2020 continued. . .

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

Inmate Services Report: Warden Tate reviewed the Inmate Services Report which will be kept on file with the minutes.

Warden's Report: Warden Tate 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: Warden Tate provided a COVID-19 update. There are still no COVID-19 positive cases at the prison with inmates or staff.

Prison Expansion Committee: Controller Stickel reported that the first meeting was held on July 29 to discuss our current operation vs. our needs and wants. A list has been developed and will be prioritized. The next step will likely include visits to other new or updated facilities around the Commonwealth.

Chairman's Report: No report at this time

Financial Report: Controller A. C. Stickel provided a report for June 2020 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, September 17, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. by conference call.

Respectfully Submitted,



President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle
Secretary