



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

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

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of January 6, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. In the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessler, Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C. Stickle, District Attorney Peter Weeks, President Judge Wade Kagarise, Sheriff James Ott

Board Members not in Attendance:

Quorum: Present

Media in Attendance:

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Warden Matthew Hale, Deputy Shaun Edmundson, Deputy Cory Yedlosky, Kyle Brashear, Ann Merritts (via zoom), Alicia Tiracave, Angela Wagner

Primecare Representatives in Attendance: NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:

Prison Society Members in Attendance: Bob DuPont

Call to Order: Commissioner Kessler called the meeting to order at 8:31 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. Ann Merritts joined via zoom.

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

Public Comment from Prison Board Members: The board has agreed to make a new agenda line item for Prison Board Members to bring up anything they want to discuss. Sheriff Ott lead of the comment with commending the Warden and his Deputies for their work at the Prison. The cooperation between the Prison and Sheriff's office has never been better in his tenure.

Discussions over role of the Prison Board and the new prison were also discussed. The solicitor will be asked to review what legal rights the Prison Board has and what role it should play in contracts for the Prison.

Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2025 Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Judge Kagarise to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2025 Prison Board Meetings. The motion was unanimously carried.

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: Deputy Warden Yedlosky provided a Staffing 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 executive session to do with personnel and security. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Tuesday February 3, 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